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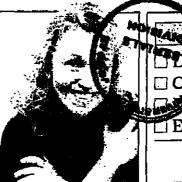
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'It will surely be one of the most stunning insights into our world'

# Clinton hails discovery of life on Mars

By NIGEL HAWKES SCIENCE EDITOR

PRESIDENT CLINTON yesterday saluted as "stunning" the discovery that life may have evolved independently

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Promising to pursue the discovery through further missions to the planet - the first will be launched in November - the President announced that a science summit would be held later this year to discuss the finding.

If confirmed, he said, "It will surely be one of the most stunning insights into our world that science has ever uncovered. Its implications are as far reaching and as awe-inspiring as can be imagined. Even as it promises answers to some of our oldest questions, it poses others even more fundamental."

The evidence comes from a meteorite which began as a piece of rock on Mars 4.5 billion years ago, was splashed off its surface by an asteroid impact 15 million years ago, and reached Ant-arctica as a meteorite 12,000 years ago. "It speaks to us across billions of years and millions of miles," the Presi-

He was speaking before the scientists involved explained why they believe the meteorite suggests that there was once life on Mars. Dr David Mc-Kay of the Johnson Space Centre in Houston, who led the team of scientists at the American space agency Nasa, admitted that the story was a controversial one and that there would be a lot of disagreement. "But the team is in consensus that we are on the

right track". The claim is certain to be subjected to minute examination before others accept that it really does constitute the first evidence of extraterrestrial life. Dan Goldin, the Nasa Administrator, conceded that the evidence was "not conclusive" but was more of the nature of a detective story which pointed to the conclusion the team had drawn.

The meteorite was found by



an American expedition to Antarctica in 1984, but it had been recognised only recently to have been of Martian origin. The rock of which the meteorite is made formed about 4.5 billion years ago, at the same time as the rocks on Earth were forming.

it intelligent life?"

About 15 million years ago. the impact of an asteroid or a comet on the surface of Mars threw up a mass of material. which then went into orbit on its own, beginning an odyssey through the solar system which ended when it entered the Earth's atmosphere about 13,000 years ago.

The evidence that it really did come from Mars comes from the fact that it contains a higher percentage of a heavier form of oxygen than is normally found on Earth, and at a level typical of that found in Martian soil by the Viking spacecraft which landed on

the planet in the 1970s. The meteorite, called Allen Hills 84001, is riven with tiny fractures caused by impacts while the rock was still on Mars. Along some of these fractures are found carbonates, similar to limestone, which formed later than the rock itself, about 3.6 billion

years ago.
Within these carbonates are fine-grained magnetite and iron sulphide particles, similar chemically, structurally and in shape to those produced by bacteria on Earth.

On the surface of the car-

bonates are small oval shapes, similar to those found on the surface of calcite formed from groundwater in southern Italy in recent geological times and believed to be caused by tiny hacteria.

\*None of these observations is in itself conclusive for the existence of past life," the team acknowledges. "Although there are alternative explanations for each of these phenomena taken individually, when they are considered collectively ... we conclude that they are evidence for primitive life on Mars." Dr McKay's team will give

the full reasons for their conclusions in a paper to be published in Science next week, but their initial observations were generally wellreceived by other scientists. Dr Jack Farmer of Nasa's Ames Research Centre in California said: "What makes this such an exciting set of observations is that within this rock you have evidence of liquid water. and organic compounds, both of which are necessary for

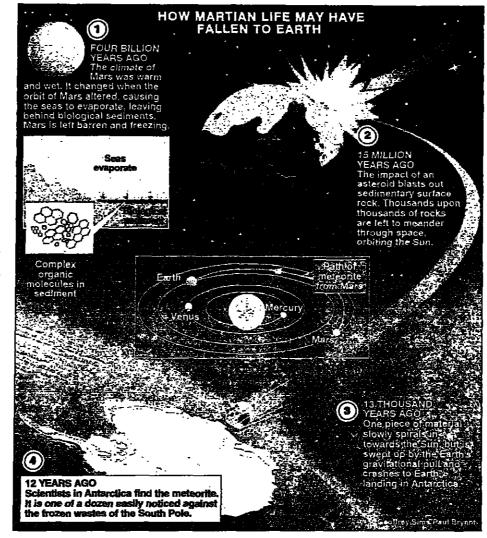
The evidence was all the more compelling, he said, because the evidence was that the water was at the same hot temperature, about 80C, as that in which the first life forms on Earth are thought to have evolved.

Other were more sceptical. Dr John Kerridge of the University of California at San Diego said that the conclusion was "at best premature and more probably wrong".

At the Open University in Milton Keynes, sections of the same meteorite were being studied yesterday by British researchers. Dr Monica Grady of the Natural History Museum said that she was very excited by the claims.

Originally we thought the fossils were pockets of alteration where the structure had been altered by fluids. But the Americans' explanation is completely plausible and absolutely thrilling."

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A section of the rock which may have revealed evidence of life on Mars

### Bank says that rates must rise

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# **Hunt for Caroline killer** starts again from scratch

By JOANNA BALE AND BEN MACINTYRE

A TRAMP was released from prison in Brittany last night after apparently being cleared of raping and murdering Caroline Dickinson. Patrice Pade, 39, withdrew

his murder confession after DNA tests proved that he was not the rapist, throwing the investigation into disarray. The police now want to question again five boys from Launceston College who were

on the school trip when Caroline was killed at a youth hostel in Pleine Fougeres. Police are also expected to renew their inquiries about a young man with blond hair seen wearing a military-style parka jacket, who is believed to have attacked two other women near the village in the days before and after the murder. M Pade, a known sex

offender who was arrested two

days after the killing on July

18. hid his face as he was

driven away from prison, by

his lawyer. Rene Blanchard yesterday. M Blanchard, who secured the release after a twohour meeting with the investigating judge Gerard Zaug. said that his client was no longer a suspect. Detectives had failed to prove that M Pade was even in Pleine

Fougères on the night Caro-



Patrice Pade: freed from prison after DNA tests

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line died — he claimed to be 15 miles away - and M Blanchard said that the conditions under which he had been questioned were unsatis

M Padé was nevertheless placed under judicial control with an obligation to live at a certain address so that police can interview him again.

The local police, who began their investigation from scratch with house-to-house inquiries last night — might now be pulled off the case and replaced by detectives from the regional headquarters, according to rumours last night. Detectives also suggested

that the hunt could move to Launceston. An officer involved in the investigation said that the police in Corn-wall had offered to help. although Chief Inspector Frank Porter of Launceston police said: "We have received no request from France."

# Test captains in a whole new ball game

By Alan Lee, cricket correspondent

ONCE it was a sacred ritual of the English sporting summer, the two cricket captains marching to the middle to toss for choice of innings. Now, as that tradition has become distorted by the demands of television, the captains engage in a second, very private

This morning, somewhere beneath the main stand at Headingley, Michael Atherton of England and Wasim Akram of Pakistan will conduct a preliminary toss overseen by Peter van der Merwe, the match referee. This toss will be to decide the not inconsequential matter of which brand of ball will be

used in the second Test. England want to use balls manufactured by the Duke company, because they are inclined to swing only at the start of their minimum 80over lifespan. Pakistan, who possess two of the finest swing bowlers in the world prefer

Reader balls for their tendency to begin swinging extravagantly in mid-innings.

The rules of the International Cricket Council state that when a host country has two authorised manufacturers and the teams disagree over which to use, a toss must resolve the issue. At Lord's, a fortnight ago, Pakistan won the toss and the game, the Reader ball performing contortions for Wagar Younis.

Both captains agree that this is a highly influential factor in the series, yet it is decided behind closed doors, leaving spectators ignorant of its outcome and perhaps its existence. The toss will take place after the captains have studied the pitch, and will allow them time to revise their final XIs before they pick their way through the television cameras, wires and presenters to make the official toss.

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# **Short breaks** ranks and says Labour could lose

By PHILIP WEBSTER, POLITICAL EDITOR

TONY BLAIR suffered his worst blow since becoming Labour leader last night when a member of the Shadow Cabinet openly voiced doubts over whether the party would win the next general election.

In an astonishing interview in this week's New Statesman Clare Short, who was demoted in Mr Blair's front bench reshuffle two weeks ago, suggested that Labour was in danger of throwing away victory and criticised the direction in which he was leading the party. Without attacking Mr Blair directly, Miss Short, who was moved from the job of transport spokesman to the backwater of overseas development, delivered an outspoken tirade against the Labour leader's advisers whom she suggested were the forces of darkness.

Miss Short said in the interview: "It is absolutely imperative for Britain and the party that we win. If we don't win it would be the end of Labour as a party of power at least for a generation, if not for ever. I have thought for the first time over the past few weeks that we could throw away that victory." Miss Short was moved from

her high profile post after a series of gaffes that has embarrassed the leadership. The aim was to put her in a less politically sensitive area. But her interview will be seen by many in the leadership as an amazing act of revenge for her demotion and it is likely to be seen as a virtual incitement to Mr Blair to dismiss her from any formal speaking post. She cannot be ousted from the Shadow Cabinet formally because she was elected to it.

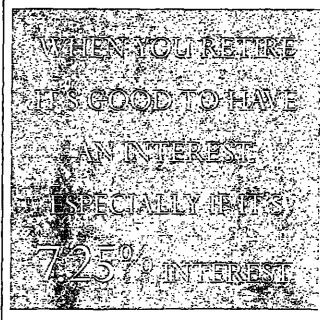
She attacked what she saw as Mr Blair's misguided strat-egy. She criticised the "obses-

sion with the media and focus groups" which she said was making Labour looking as if it wanted power at any price and as if it did not stand for anything. She said that the people around Mr Blair who thought that he had got to be made to look strong were making him less attractive.

This is a very stupid thing to do. He came along as a fresh, young, principled and decent man and some people are trying to turn him into a macho man." She added: "I know they are doing it because they think it is the way to win, but I think they are making the wrong judgment and they endanger our victory." She called for a "pulling back from where we are now". She said: Tony should be more of his principled self. He should talk more about what we stand for and not be so much a strong leader above us all. There should be less modification over the things we stand for and pruning it down and down and down to be acceptable to the Daily Mail because I do not think the Daily Mail

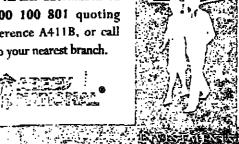
will ever support us." Miss Short does not name the Blair advisers whom she has so clearly in her sights. But they will be recognised within the party as Peter Mandelson, recently appointed as Mr Blair's chief election planner and a long-time confidant; Alastair Campbell, his chief press secretary; and Tim Allan, Mr Campbell's deputy. Miss Short is known to be resentful about the way Mr Blair's media advisers privately criticised her after a series of controversial statements, particularly her call for the legalisation of cannabis.

She joked that she some-times called those people Continued on page 2, col 3



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# Mayhew bans Bogside stage of Apprentice Boys' march \*

By Nicholas Watt, chief ireland correspondent

the Northern Ireland Secretary, sought last night to prevent sectarian violence in Londonderry this weekend by banning loyalists from marching along a contentious section of the city walls.

Armed police and soldiers mounted a huge security oper-ation last night to seal off the quarter-mile stretch of the walls which overlooks the Roman Catholic Bogside area of the city. The Apprentice Boys will be able to hold their traditional parade along the disputed section of the walls on Saturday only if they reach agreement with nationalists

SIR PATRICK MAYHEW, who are opposed to their

Unionists last night condemned Sir Patrick's decision, which they said was designed to appease nationalists. Gregory Campbell, a Democratic Unionist in Londonderry, said: "I am outraged. If people expect us to lie down and accept this, they are mistaken." Last night's move, which

bans parades and public meetings on the stretch of the walls until midnight on August 31, came after nationalists and loyalists failed to reach agreement over Saturday's march. There appeared to be little chance of a compromise last

night after church leaders in Londonderry held inconclusive talks with the two sides. Sir Patrick said last night that he had acted after Sir

Hugh Annesley, the Chief Constable of the RUC, advised him that the police and the Army would face "undue demands" if the parade went ahead. He said: "I have a duty to do my best to protect the lawful rights of everybody. Sometimes they conflict and that is the problem ... my purpose in making this order is to assist the RUC in its task of preserving public order and

protecting the community, and is not intended to favour

ondonderry Apprentice Boys Memorial Hall any side in the current disthe violent disturbances over

pute." The Northern Ireland Secretary appealed to both communities in Londonderry to maintain calm.

The Government's move last night contrasted with its tionalists could go ahead. The RUC ordered the re-routing of the parade, but reversed its decision four days later in the face of loyalist disturbances throughout the Province. Sir Patrick's decision last

night will inflame Unionist fears that ministers are prepared to bow to threats of violence from nationalists. Unionists, who will converge on Londonderry this Saturday in support of the Apprentice Boys, said last night that Sir Patrick had acted after nationalists in the Bogside announced that they would hold demonstration on Friday night to protest against the

loyalist parade. Ministers will insist that

ever, they admit privately that the failure to face down the threat of loyalist violence at Drumeree last month did immense damage to the peace process and infuriated moder-

ate nationalists. ☐ Irish police have found an underwater arms cache in Dundalk, a Co Louth town close to the border. A search of the Fain River yielded a rocket-launcher and 250 rounds of assorted ammunition. Police say the weapons, believed to be home-made, were badly corroded. They might have been dumped in the river. Scotland Yard anti-terrorist detectives yesterday appealed

for information about a set of

lever mortice Chubb lock, a Yale Union lock, a Tri-Circle padlock, and a longer key which might fit a council shed. Detectives also want to hear from anyone who might have been telephoned by a man with a French, American or Irish accent between June 1 and July 15 interested in

renting or sub-letting a lock-

up garage or similar premises.

keys to lock-up garages. The

appeal followed an operation

to search garages in the

Peckham area of southeast

London. The searches have

not uncovered any explosives,

and police want to hear from

anyone who recognises four

keys, or knows which locks.

they fit. The keys are for a five-

# 'With the scenario we face, we should be thinking about when, not if'

# Bank tells Clarke rates must rise to contain inflation

By Janet Bush and Philip Webster

THE Bank of England told Kenneth Clarke yesterday that he must raise interest rates "sooner rather than later" to keep the battle against inflation on course.

The Bank also set itself on a collision course with the Government over tax cuts by expressing concern about public borrowing. Its latest Inflation Report says that the deficit must be cut to return the public finances to a "sustainable" course.

Although the Bank normally refrains from comment on tax policy, the clear implication was that Mr Clarke should not cut taxes in November. The interest rate warning was the latest sign of tension between the Bank and the Chancellor, who cut rates by a quarter point to 5.75 per cent in June against the advice of Eddie George, the

Mervyn King, the Bank's director of economics, said that it was deliberately putting its message in very clear and public terms to put pressure on the Chancellor not to play politics with inflation in the

But Mr Clarke and other ministers, who believe the improvement in the housing market is the key to convincing people that the economic corner has been turned, are desperately keen to avoid having to put up rates again before the election. Some Conservatives even believe that he should cut them again.

John Townend, chairman of the Tory backbench finance committee, said last night that the Bank had always had a more "hairshirt" policy than was necessary. "I do not think the Bank expects him to put rates up. This is more of a shot across the bows to try to prevent him reducing them

Liberal Democrat Treasury economic interests.

run-up to the election.

But Malcolm Bruce, the

spokesman, said the report showed that the Chancellor was putting the political interests of the Conservative Party before the country's long-term The Treasury was at pains to dismiss suggestions of a

the Health Secretary, for a

which people would take out

insurance plans to "buy pro-

tection" for some of their

"partnership scheme"

serious split between Mr Clarke and Mr George. Michael Jack, the Treasury Minister, said that they were at one in aiming to keep inflation down. Mr Clarke had always made clear that maintaining low inflation was the guiding light of his economic policy.

The Inflation Report concluded that an interest rate rise would be needed if the Government were to have a better than even chance of hitting its target of inflation at 2.5 per cent or less in two vears' time. Mr King said that Bank

officials would be discussing whether to advise higher rates before the next monetary meeting with the Chancellor on September 4. This is not the juncture when we should be cutting interest rates." he said. "With the scenario we are facing, we should be thinking about when to raise rates, not if." Mr King emphasised that

the Bank had opposed the Chancellor's decision to cut base rates in June and nothing had changed its view.



the Drumcree parade last

month. Ministers have been

accused of putting the RUC in

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The Treasury dismissed talk of a serious split between Kenneth Clarke and Eddie George, saying that they were agreed on the need to keep inflation at a low level

Indeed, he made it clear that the Bank's greater pessimism on inflation since its report in May was largely because of Chancellor's decision to defy the Bank.

The Bank is clearly concerned that the Chancellor may be swayed by political pressure from his own party to bolster the "feel-good" factor and expressed the hope that Mr Clarke would genuinely hase his decisions on the economic evidence. Despite the Bank's warn-

ings, sections of the City remain convinced that Mr

Clarke may be tempted to deliver one more rate cut to boost growth.

Andrew Cates, economist with UBS Ltd. said: "The Bank is shouting from the rooftops that the Chancellor should not under any circumstances cut base rates again. The Chancellor, though, is wearing his pre-election

earplugs." Gordon Brown, the Shadow Chancellor, said the Bank had concluded that the foundations of the economy were not strong enough for sustained growth and rising prosperity.

"They say manufacturing investment has fallen and manufacturing output is expected to remain weak," he added.

"If interest rates are to be kept down and growth sustained, the Government must tackle the imbalance between consumption and investment in the economy and the investment gap with our competitors, both of which have derailed previous recoveries and threaten to derail this

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# Age timebomb is a myth, say MPs

BY PHILIP WEBSTER, POLITICAL EDITOR

FEARS that Britain is facing an imminent "demographic timebomb", with the State unable to pay the health and care costs of a rapidly growing pensioner population, were dismissed by an all-party committee of MPs vesterday.

In a report that will be seen as undermining calls from the Tory Right for radical measures to tackle the spiralling costs of care, the Commons Health Committee said that much of the speculation about a crisis was founded on unsound evidence or was "downright alarmist".

The report described by Labour as "stern reprimand to the Government for its irresponsible scaremongering". gives a cool response to government proposals put for-ward in May to make the individual foot more of the cost of paying for care.

The committee declined to give a view on a key proposal outlined by Stephen Dorrell.

# **Short attack**

people who live in the dark". She says: "We go to the Shadow Cabinet. We go to the NEC. Everything we do is in the light. They live in the dark. It is a good place for them." She repeatedly stresses that she believes Mr Blair's advisers are acting in good faith but she says they are mistaken.

assets, such as their house or savings, to avoid having to sell everything to pay for the costs of residential care later in life. The Government hopes such packages will be on the market next year, but it anagainst Mr Blair. gered the committee by refus-

ing to disclose estimates of the likely cost of the schemes. In a sharp rebuke to ministers, the committee said: "We deprecate the Government's failure to provide even roughand-ready costings of its vari-ous options. Until such costings are provided, the taxpayer is being invited to

sign a blank cheque."
It added that the status quo. continuing to finance longterm care mainly from general taxation, was a defensible option which is both possible and affordable".

Contined from page I around Mr Blair as "the

Miss Short's attack will be seized upon with glee by the Conservatives who could not have had a better gift to begin their summer of campaigning

They were buoyed yesterday by further signs that Labour's lead over the Conservatives is narrowing. An ICM poll in The Guardian suggested that Labour's lead had fallen from 21 points to 12 points since April, although Labour pointed out that its own standing had not been reduced in the latest poll and that the Conservatives had gained at the expense of the Liberal

Democrats. Even so the finding has given an edge to the summer campaigning of both the main parties. The Tories, believing

that their improvement is due to a greater appreciation of the

message that there can be no complacency. If the lead is to be cut at all strategists would prefer it to happen now rather than closer to the general election, when the Tories could build on the momentum during the campaign. There is no sign yet of jitters in the high command but if the trend continues over the summer the spectre of the 1992 election. which Labour lost after consistently leading in the polls.

Peter Mandelson, said that the poll was good news for the party because it showed that its vote remained solid. There is no crosion of our

share of the vote. We have a

sizeable lead over the Tories."

return of the "feelgood" factor and the success of their onslaught against Labour, are planning further attacks on Labour's fitness to govern by Stephen Dorrell, the Health Secretary, and Michael Portillo, the Defence The finding will be used by

Mr Blair to reinforce his

# **London to Dover** falls to French

By Jonathan Prynn, transport correspondent

A FRENCH company yesterday won the franchise to run trains between London and the Channel ports. Générale des Eaux was provisionally awarded the £200 million-ayear contract to run rail services between London Victoria and stations through the Kent commuter belt to Dover. Folkestone and Ramsgate.

The sale of the South East Trains franchise comes eight months after the port of Calais was rebuffed in its planned takeover of Dover harbour after the intervention of Queen Elizabeth the Queen Mother. The deal means that it will

be possible to board an SNCF train at Paris, change to a French-run Channel ferry at Calais before completing the journey to London on another French-operated service from Dover, CGEA, the transport subsidiary of Generale des Eaux, is expected to take over the running of the franchise from British Rail in Septem-

ber or October. It beat off competition from a Canadian business consortium, the Scottish based Stagecoach bus company and a local management group to secure the deal.

The 15-year franchise agreement, which includes a pledge to replace South East's dilapidated slam-door rolling stock. some of which dates to the 1950s, is the second to be won by the French multinational. The awards give Générale des Eaux control of rail ser-

vices in a swath of southern England from Bognor Regis to Rochester. In April it won the Network SouthCentral franchise for commuter services. Glenda Jackson, Labour's transport spokeswoman, said: John Major has succeeded where Napoleon failed. He has given the French a foothold on the South Coast. Foreign investment in Britain is to be welcomed but this is a case of French fat cats lapping

up English taxpayers' cream."

# THE REPORT OF THE PROPERTY OF Twin abortion doctor faces hospital review

Phillip Bennett, the obstetrician who approved the abortion of a healthy twin, is facing an internal review. He has already spoken several times with John Cooper, the chief executive of Hammersmith Hospitals NHS Trust, since his interview with a Sunday newspaper disclosed the first selective termination of its kind in Britain. The admission that the abortion had already taken place came after 48 hours of attempts to have it halted.

Last night Stephen Dorrell, the Health Secretary expressed "deep concern" over the way in which details of the abortion were disclosed to the media. He said the law had not been broken but admitted he had personal reservations about the case. Professor Bennett said vesterday: "The original story arose as a misunderstanding between myself and journalists interviewing me."

# Ethnic lifestyles

More than half of children of West Indian origin in Britain are being brought up by single mothers, a government report on ethnic minorities says. About 54 per tent of young Afro-Caribbeans have no father at home, compared with 33 per cent of Africans. 16 per cent of whites and II per cent of Chinese. The rejection of marriage by West Indians reflects a culture that is being slowly eroded,

# Hooliganism declines

Football hooligans are being beaten by improved police tactics and better security, according to figures released yesterday showing arrests are down for the fourth season in succession. Details from the Home Office and the National Criminal Intelligence Service show arrests fell by more than 15 per cent last season from 5,105 in the previous season to 4,334. Police believe the fall is partly due to ground improvements, CCTV and careful segregation.

# **Near-miss for train**

A rail disaster in west London was only narrowly avoided last Sunday when five track engineers using bogus safety certificates left equipment in the path of an oncoming train. an internal Railtrack safety log has revealed. The train, on the main London to Portsmouth line, was forced to make an emergency stop to avoid ploughing into the equipment. Safety experts said the incident confirmed their fears about

# Councils' hotline success

Councils are starting to win the battle against fraud with the help of a telephone hotline for informers and computer technology. The Fraudwatch hotline was set up by Labourcontrolled Reading council last November and the scheme now covers 40 authorities nationwide led by all the main parties, with a further 100 considering becoming members. Since its launch 5,300 people have passed on information. Reading alone expects to save £100,000 this year.

# Man guilty of blood plot

A hospital orderly was found guilty of plotting with his girlfriend, a nursing sister, to tamper with a blood sample to avoid paying maintenance for his child by another woman. A jury at Maidstone Crown Court convicted Timothy Anderson. 24. of Lenham. Kent. of perverting the course of justice. He will be sentenced, after the preparation of reports, with his girlfriend, Elizabeth Mills, 33, who admitted the charge. Both were released on bail.

# 'Scuba diver' indentified

Zoologists at Cambridge believe the nautilus, a molluse that lives deep in the oceans, uses its buoyancy tanks to provide it with oxygen. Dr Robert Boutillier reports in Nature that the nautilus goes into a "standby" mode, in which its metabolism almost stops, when in danger from predators. It can survive in oxygen-poor waters for almost a day, using its many-chambered shell like a scuba diver while waiting for the predator to disappear.

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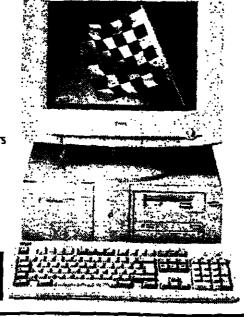
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But it was discovered that the boy was dyslexic. After receiving help, he went on to gain II O levels, five A levels and an S level and to win a place at Oxford to read chemistry. He took his PhD, in physical chemistry, at Stan-Dr Clemmet's father Colin 67, who worked for the Ministry of Defence researching airborne communications.

favourites." Mr Clemett added that his son's discovery was "an amazing progression for him from when he was at school. I am very proud of him."

# MARS 3

scientist

was slow

at school

By Adam Fresco

A BRITISH scientist who

helped to discover evidence of

was a slow learner at school

and told he would have to

work "very hard" to pass just

Dr Simon Clemett, 28, from

Havant in Hampshire, has received international acclaim

for his work as one of nine

Nasa experts who analysed

the meteorite for evidence of

life-forms, but his school re-

ports left a little to be desired.

He did not start reading until

ford University, California.

said: "Once Simon realised his

difficulties were not his fault.

he grew in confidence and

started to read. He loved

anything about science. The

stars and dinosaurs were his

three O levels.

he was eight.

# Prospect of making an earth-trembling discovery lifts space scientists' excitement to new heights **British**

# Three missions destined for date with Red Planet

By NICHOLAS BOOTH

A NEW assault will begin on Mars this autumn. Blasting off from Cape Canaveral and Kazakhstan, no fewer than three unmanned spacecraft will be launched towards the )Red Planet to arrive next summer. They will drop landers, robotic vehicles and automatic weather stations onto

Howard Shaw of the University of Kent at Canterbury said: "These missions have been planned for some time. Today's announcement adds a

new dimension to our efforts." Two of the three missions are built by Nasa and will be launched in late October. But it is the Russian Mars 96 mission, scheduled for launch on November 16, which will shed the most light on the

possibility of Martian life After arriving in orbit around Mars, the spacecraft will fire two mortar-like shells sinto the soil. Known as penetrators, they will make detailed chemical analyses of the soil and the permafrost believed to lie underneath it. On impact, the front end of the penetrators will separate out and excavate a bore hole perhaps as long as ten metres. experts believe. A TV camera and automatic weather station will remain on the surface and

act like an anchor. Officially, the Mars 96



Martian landscape: plenty of rubble, but what else?

Mr Shaw said. "But the penetrators are the only vehicles capable of analysing the soil directly in the new missions." His group at Kent's Unit for Space Science is responsible for calibrating the instruments on board, which also include seismometers and

The great mystery from earlier analyses of the Martian soil is its lack of organic material. These are molecules which comprise long chains of carbon that are the basis for life. Their absence is puzzling: if there were Martian microorganisms, their mortal remains should have been left behind. But the action of sunlight on the topsoil may

have removed them. Underneath the surface soil. scientists believe there is a layer of permafrost perhaps ten metres deep. Within this frozen material there may be further evidence for the fossilized remains of life which was formed in the earliest epochs

of Martian history. The Mars 96 orbiter will also drop two landers onto the surface, as will the first US Pathfinder mission to Mars, which will also carry a small, automatic rover. At the same time, the Mars Global Survey or will map the whole of the planet down to a resolution of

Cuts in the Russian space programme mean that a further mission in 1998 has been cancelled. But Nasa has a series of missions that will culminate in the return of Martian samples in 2005.

The meteorite in which Martian life may have been found is part of a rare group of itinerant rocks that spend through space. Many thou-sands of these pieces of interplanetary flotsam have landed on Earth, but only a dozen are believed to have come from Mars. These rare objects have a chemical composition broadly similar to soil samples analysed on the surface of the Red Planet 20 years ago by Nasa's Viking spacecraft.
Nasa's evidence of Martian

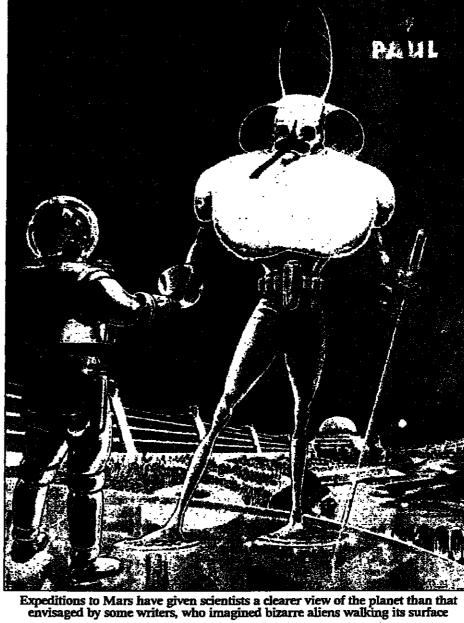
makers hastily to check the small print in the wording of wagers on the discovery of extra-terrestrial life. When man reached the moon before William Hill lost £100,000. Unfortunately for any punt-

ers claiming payouts on 500-1 bets placed before Tuesday's announcement, proof is re-quired that the life forms discovered are "intelligent". Graham Sharpe, of William

Hill, which stands to lose El million, said: "For the last 20 years we have offered bets if Nasa confirms the existence of intelligent extra-terrestrial life. We are glad we inserted that word intelligent."

Both William Hill and Ladbroke's agree that microscopic fossils on a comet in Antarctica do not qualify as little green men. However, just to be sure. Hill's cut the odds from 500-I to 25-I, and Ladbroke's from 250-1 to 50-1.

William Rees-Mogg, page 16 Leading article, page 17



The MAN from MAR

# In the beginning, did God also create aliens?

By RUTH GLEDHILL, RELIGION CORRESPONDENT

THE prospect of life on Mars hrew religious groups into furmoil last night as they tried to reconcile the biblical story of Creation with the latest scientific discovery.

Some creationists, believe that God created the world in a week, as described in Genesis, dismissed the discovery as "clutching at straws" and demanded further proof...

Dr John Peet, a retired chemistry lecturer, of the Biblical Creation Society, said: \*Creationists would be in an extremely difficult position if intelligent life was found elsewhere, because that would seem to conflict completely with what the Bible says."

But he added: "In terms if non-intelligent life, there is not the same magnitude of problem because God could obviously put life anywhere. The Bible seems to teach that the Universe and the Earth were made specifically for Man, so it is difficult to see how life could appear elsewhere. But there is nothing in the Bible which says there is no

BIOLOGISTS believe that

life began on Earth by the

combination of elements

that filled the seas with a

rich soup of molecules.

From what we know of the

early history of Mars, exact-

ly the same thing would have been happening there. Somehow, molecules em-erged that had the capacity

to copy themselves - to

reproduce. Experiments in

which the process has been

copied in the laboratory

have got as far as producing

amino acids, the building

blocks of proteins and their

simple cousins, peptides. Until now, nobody has

A small fortune fell to earth for David Bowie yesterday as radio stations played his 1970s songs Life on Mars and Space Oddity. Each play would have earned Bowie royalties ranging from a few pence for small independent stations to sevns. Classic FM played Mars from Gustav Holst's The Planets.

plant life on any other planet." When ancient bones or other evidence of evolution taking place over millions of years are unearthed by archaeologists, extraordinary efforts are made by creationist groups to prove that the Earth is no more than a few thousands years old, and was

created specially for Man by Geoff Chapman, a Methodist lay preacher and secretary of the Creation Resources Trust, a body which promotes

shown how a peptide can

copy itself. By coincidence,

this week's issue of Nature

publishes a paper from scientists at the Scripps

Institute in La Jolla, Califor-

nia, describing just such a

From this to even simple

forms of life is another huge

step. The best guess is that

the first single-cell life forms

existed on Earth about 3.5

billion years ago, almost the

same age as the structures identified on the Martian

meteorite, which suggests

that up to this time, life on

Earth and on Mars may have advanced in step.

self-replicating peptide.

Early life may have

advanced in parallel

By Nigel Hawkes, science editor

said: "I doubt they can prove this meteorite actually came from Mars. I would doubt very much that there is such a thing as extra-terrestrial life.

"Evolutionists are desperate to find evidence of extraterrestrial life. They would jump at the slightest bit of circumstantial evidence that there is life on Mars. This is clutching at straws." If intelligent life were discovered elsewhere, his faith would remain

Basil Varnam, general administrator of the Pentecosta Assemblies of God in Britain. said: "We are more concerned about life on Earth and in Heaven than on other planets. We tend to take scientific 'evidence' with a pinch of salt - we don't agree with the Darwin theory of evolution, for instance."

The mainstream Christian bodies were less perturbed. Keith Ewing, of the Evangelical Alliance, said: "The discovery is no threat to Christian belief and it would be wrong to the biblical view of Creation. portray science and Christianity as in total conflict. The conflict arises only from an ideological position that science is the only valid form of knowledge and has got all the

answers. A spokesman for the Roman is no proof yet, but if there were then it would cause some sort of rethink. But we will

wait until they contact us."
The Rev David Streater, of the evangelical Church Society, said: "Even if you totally accepted the theory of evolution, the questions would still remain - who created the Big

before it?" A Church of England spokesman said: "We believe that God created the whole universe so I don't think there

Rabbi Dr Jonathan Romain, of the Jewish Reform community, said: Should any aliens be found to exist, they would be as much the creatures of God as are humans."

Catholic Church said: "There

Bang and what was there

could be a problem."

# So what's new, shrug the watchers on ET Highway

FROM GILES WHITTELL IN LOS ANGELES

AT THE Little A-Le-Inn on Nevada's Extraterrestrial Highway, news of life on Mars was greeted not so much with excitement as with interplanetary ennui.

"Oh, really, they got proof now?" yawned Paula Clayton, proprietor of the only hostelry on route 375 through the hostile desert north of Las Vegas. "That was pretty much assumed round here. We are not alone."

Route 375, which used to be one of the loneliest roads in America, was officially designated ET Highway earlier this year and is to be adorned with signs welcoming passing and craft are already the

aliens. Business at Mrs Clayton's motel, a UFO-watcher's Mecca in the village of Rachel, has gone "completely crazy" since the road was renamed, though she and her customers were unaware of the news from Nasa's Martian rock experts until alerted to it by The Times.

Pushed on the subject, the inkeeper admitted word of fossilised microbes from Mars would "start a buzz in the UFO community". But the received wisdom among the conspiracy theorists and amateur astronomers who flock here is that alien creatures

subject of a massive 40-year US Government cover-up. An extraterrestrial spacecraft crashed to earth at

Roswell, New Mexico, in 1947 and has been stored ever since in a vault beneath 'Area 5i', a secret Pentagon facility within the Nellis nuclear test range near Rachel. UFO enthusiasts fervently believe. A gathering of 4,000 is

expected in Rachel later this month to demand the opening to the public of Area 51, whose existence the Government acknowledged for the first time last year. That, says Mrs Clayton, is where to find the little green men.

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'A sales manager has targets, but the number of funerals taken is not a valid performance indicator'

# Vicars to appraise each other's success in church

VICARS, traditionally answerable only to God, are asked to be sit in judgment on each other under guidelines being drawn up by the Church

More than 13,000 clergy are to have "peer appraisal re-views", where they will be required to assess each other's performance from the pew to the pulpit, give credit where due and work out areas where improvement is needed. The appraisals, the latest in a series of secular management techniques to infiltrate the Church, will help clergy to assess how they carry out tasks such as baptisms, weddings and funerals.

Rather than working to targets - such as numbers of baptisms - clergy are being encouraged to improve the quality of pastoral care they offer. They are said to welcome the prospect. Stuck in far-flung parishes, sometimes for years, they can often feel isolated and unnoticed by the hierarchy, or frustrated by the lack of feedback.

Few congregations are pre-pared to respond openly to the quality of a priest's sermons or ministry, although parishioners might sometimes attempt to undermine a vicar by writing to his or her bishop behind their back. Many dioceses have introduced performance review systems recently but these vary and often rely on assessment by a bishop or his nominee.

voured by clergy because they help them set their own agen-da and operate outside a system of reward and punishment. The scheme, outlined in People Management, a magazine for personnel managers. will be debated at a church conference on clergy training in September. Guidelines for each of England's 43 dioceses are expected to be published in

The Rev Margaret Jackson. of the Advisory Board of



Rev Bell: said clergy were answerable to God

Ministry, said: "It is not about performance in the sense of how many baptisms or funer-als the clergy take. It is more to do with how they, as a priest or deacon, develop their ministry in a particular place.

"A sales manager can talk about targets, but for clergy the number of funerals they have taken is not a particularmany they have taken, but how well they have taken

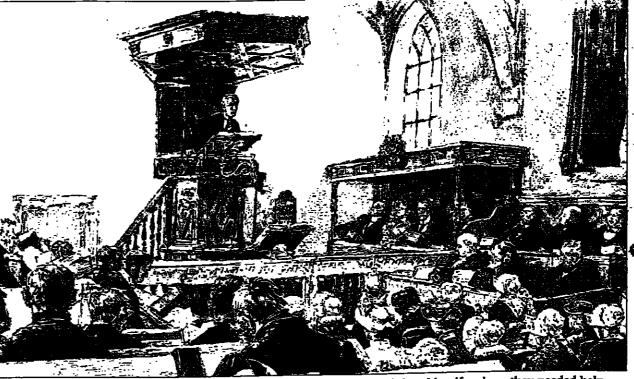
She added: "It is ridiculous to try to ape commerce, because there are fewer clear lines of responsibility in the Church. But most clergy are keen to set their own agenda and be encouraged to work towards reaching its targets."

The Rev Beaumont Stevenson, who has helped to introduce such a scheme in the Oxford diocese, where bishops. archdeacons and clergy are all involved, said: "The clergy here pair up with someone to give them ongong support and to help them to take credit for what they do well, as well as to pinpoint what is causing them grief."

He said the idea came to

him from his work as chaplain

in a psychiatric hospital. where the nurses use a similar scheme. Rather than speaking veekend." in terms of targets and performance, he tells clergy to look for a "desired outcome". Mr



Under the scheme, vicars would be assessed from the pew to the pulpit to identify where they needed help

Stevenson said: "For example, I'm a hospital chaplain. For me, the lewer people in church the better, because it means patients are home for the

Peer reviews could help discover areas where change

American

are weak in administration or youth work, you may have to declare you are no good in this area and see how this can be

The Rev Tony Bell, of the clergy section of the Manufac-Science. Finance 600 members, said: "We are answerable to God. We are theologians, pastoral leaders. not managers. Appraisal is a good idea, but one of the reasons it is frowned upon is that it is seen as a means of

diocesan control." The union is expected to

recommend a trained clerical appraisers, who will train other clergy. Other management techniques adapted by the Church include psychometric testing, which is being introduced to help bishops to assess recruits

# **Euro-sceptics** seek boycott of Sainsbury's

By Andrew Pierce, political correspondent

HARDLINE opponents of the European Union are calling for a nationwide boycott of the Sainsbury's supermarket chain in protest at the family's support for pro-Brussels causes. Sainsbury's is at the top of a list of companies identified by the Campaign for an Independent Britain whose directors have made corporate or personal donations to federalist organisations.

David Sainsbury, chairman of the group, has donated about £250,000 to the European Movement. The money is being used for an autumn campaign in defence of the single currency. Mr Sainsbury has reportedly also donated a sum to the Federal Trust. Both organisations are fighting for closer integration

and harmonisation in the EU. The Campaign for an Independent Britain, whose presiient is the fory Euro-scephc MP Sir Richard Body, is urging its members to switch their weekly shopping expeditions to Tesco supermarkets. The TSB Lloyds group is also

on the boycott list, along with

British Telecom, the Rover group and Jaguar.

Sir Robin Williams, secretary of the campaign, which favours withdrawal from the EU, said: "Real money is being lined up by big businesses keen to sell out our country for their own narrow commercial advantages. Thousands of pounds are pouring into the coffers of pro-Brussels groups and a huge propaganda drive is being organised. It is time to make companies pay the price for their collaborative activities with the EU." Quentin Davies, a Tory MP

and vice chairman of the Européan Movement was contemptuous of the boycott call. How immature, he said. "These people really are barmy. The fact is our interests are in Europe which is why household names such as David Sainsbur

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ly involved." A spokeswoman for Sainsbury's would only say: "David Sainsbury makes donations in a personal, not a

# Bupa sex taunt case settled with payout

By MICHAEL HORSNELL

SALESWOMAN who claimed that a female boss teased her about her breasts and asked questions about her virginity withdrew her allegation of sexual harassment yesterday in return for compensation understood to be about £10,000.

Joanna Poole, 22, who

brought the case against the healthcare company Bupa, said after the two-day industrial tribunal hearing in Croydon, south London: I'm relieved it is all over. I just want to go home and go on holiday." Miss Poole, who earned El3,000 a year as a telesales worker, had told the tribunal that she felt humiliated by Christine Butland. 26, the

sales manager at Bupa's of-



Poole: said female boss had humiliated her

fices in Staines, Surrey. She said that Mrs Butland had made comments about and touched her breasts, and made her tell a meeting details of

how she had lost her virginity. Bupa said Miss Poole had freely joined in the office banter and found it amusing. After hearing legal argument, the tribunal chairwoman. Joan Mason, said: "Both parties have agreed to settle this case on terms agreed between them."

# Why Are You A Bore? A FAMOUS author and educationalist reveals that there is a simple technique of hold the attention of their listeners with bright energing.

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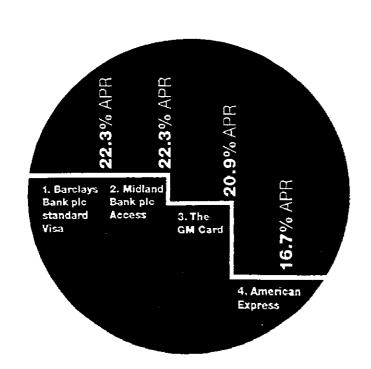
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Forte chain backs down over storm in a teashop

tion at a convent school.

200 yards away from the tearoom, it said: "The use of the name on the tearoom is

clearly an infringement of our

Mr Forte, 60, had been

encouraged to resist changing

the name of his 48-seat tea-

room by Lord Denning, the

former Master of the Rolls,

who cited as precedent a

judgment in favour of a man

called Albert Hall who main-

tained his right to use that name for his business. Yesterday Lord Denning, 93, praised Mr Forte for his

courage in standing up to the corporate Forte. "I am very

glad he has won. Forte UK

were very wise not to pursue

it. It shows credit on all

Mr Forte is distantly related

to Lord Forte; who built the

Forte hotel and catering em-

pire from a milk bar opened in

London in 1934. Lord Forte's

father, who emigrated from

the small Italian town of

Casalattico at the same time as

Mr Forte's grandfather, ran a

In January Lord Forte's son.

Sir Rocco Forte, lost control of

the Forte company in a keenly contested £3.8 billion takeover

by Granada. A spokesman for

Sir Rocco said yesterday:

There must have been some

very nervous people at Grana-

da if they felt threatened by

tearoom."

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concerned."

DOMENICO FORTE, owner restaurant in Brighton. I am a of a tearoom in Winchester, emerged victorious yesterday from a David and Goliath encounter with the mighty Forte hotel and restaurant chain, which had threatened legal action to stop him running his business under his

Forte (UK) Ltd confirmed that it had abandoned its attempt to make Mr Forte change the name of his business from The Forte Tearooms. A spokeswoman for the company, now a subsidiary of the Granada group, said that she could not give a reason for the decision.

at 95p can.
Forte said: "It is a victory not common sense. I think quite a few of my customers are lew of my customers who shareholders who wrote in and said how silly this was.

"Granada misunderstood the situation. They did not know that many other Fortes existed. There is a Forte running a case in Berwick-upon-Tweed and another with a



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omenico Forte: ( tearoom with his wife



Britannia leaving Cowes yesterday for Portsmouth, where the Queen will board her for the Royal Family's cruise of the Western Isles

# Cowes bids rousing farewell to Britannia

By KATHRYN KNIGHT

TO THE roar of a 35-gun salute and the cheers of a crowd of 5,000, the Royal Yacht Britannia made her final departure from Cowes Harbour yesterday.

After 35 years of appearances at the annual regatta, Britannia, to be decommissioned next August, slipped anchor and left her traditional mooring opposite the Royal Yacht Squadron for the last time shortly after 9am.

The Duke of Edinburgh.

wearing full naval uniform, Prince Edward and Prince Michael of Kent stood on the veranda deck as she sailed through the hundreds of yachts that had gathered to watch her on her way. Prince Edward could be seen taking photographs of the crowd, many of whom were in tears. Among the traces of lingering gun smoke, Britannia left for Portsmouth, where the Queen was due to board to

cruise in the Western Isles. At Sam a shot from a waterfront cannon had marked the end as Britannia ran up the bunting to dress overall.

The Isle of Wight has long taken pride in Britannia's presence at Cowes as a sign of royal endorsement, but the Government has said that she too expensive to relit. Maintaining the yacht has cost £95 million in the past ten years. But the feeling yesterday was that her depar-ture was a symbolic loss to the

nation's heritage.

Maldwin Drummond,
commander of the Royal Yacht Squadron, expressed deep sadness as he mingled with the crowds. "We are a maritime nation," he said. Britannia is the principal focus for the nation at sea. To say goodbye to her is only acceptable if we can say hello to a suitable replacement." Mr Drummond is also chairman

There's a great

deal going on



Duke of Edinburgh and Prince Michael of Kent

submitted a plan for a sail training ship to replace Britannia.

Barry Field, Conservative MP for the Isle of Wight, had a lomp in his throat as the crews of hundreds of yachts cheered Britannia, but hoped

discussing with Virginia Bottomley, the Heritage Sec-retary, the possibility of keeping the yacht in service until a

replacement is built. Other spectators called for lottery money to be used to reclaim Britannia. Lionel

# boy to be freed if cash is returned

**Singapore** 

A young Briton facing jail in Singapore for allegedly steal-ing a woman's handbag will be freed soon and charges dropped if he returns the cash reported to be missing, prose-cutors said. John David Raven, 18, who was on a rugby tour with other boys from the independent Arnold School in Blackpool, allegedly stole the bag, containing about £200, as a prank in a nightclub. It was later returned.

### Killer on run

A convicted murderer has failed to return to jail after a weekend community visit. Anthony Creamer, 5), was due back at Standford Hill prison on the Isle of Sheppey, Kent, on Saturday. Police believe he may be with relatives in Rotterdam.

### Flight grounded

Forest fires in Russia have grounded a 50-year-old Chip-munk trainer aircraft the RAF is attempting to fly round the world. The Chipmunk, which is flown by eye rather than radar, will probably give up its journey and return home via the Baltic states.

### Two die in blast

Heather, have seen the yacht escorted into Cowes for 24

years. "We both feel very sad," Mr Fisher said. Frederick and Jessie Booth.

from Shanklin, have come to

see the Britannia for many

years. Mr Booth said: "It's

like our own tradition and

also the nation's is slipping

away with Britannia over the

A former friend of the

Duchess of York has signed a

book deal to tell of her rela-

tionship with her former fi-nancial adviser, John Bryan,

who was made bankrupt on

Tuesday. Allan Starkie, Mr

Bryan's former business part-ner, has sold the manuscript

of Fergie Her Secret Life to the publisher Michael

O'Mara. Mr O'Mara said yesterday:

"Allan Starkie's book is an

explosive account of every

element of the relationship

between the Duchess and

John Bryan . . It is extraordi-

horizon."

Two workers were killed when an explosion and fire tore through the Scottish Adhesives factory in Glasgow. John Burke, 38, of Dennistoun, and James Brown, 35, of Knightswood, died as workmates tried to rescue them. Up to 200 people were evacuated.

### Rise in tourists

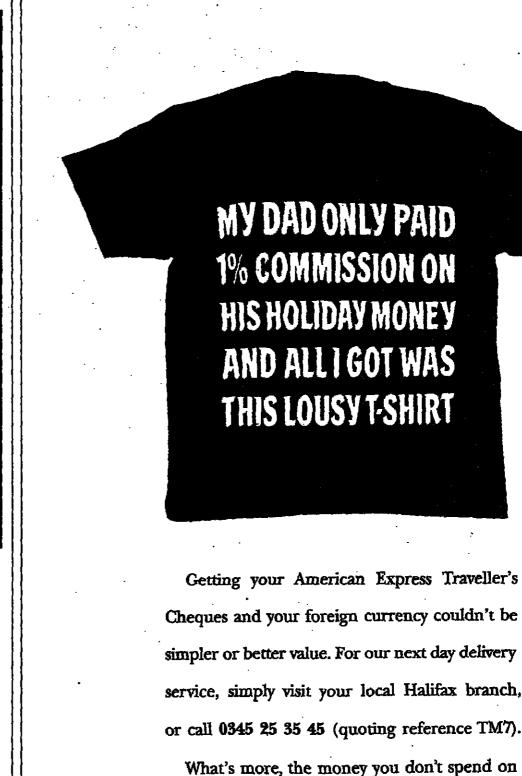
The number of overseas visitors in May rose by 17 per cent on last year to 2.3 million, despite some of the coldest weather this century. They spent £995 million, up 5 per cent. The number from January to May was 9.1 million. up 9 per cent on 1995.

### Trophy is saved

The original Blaydon races trophy is staying in the North East after being bought by Newcastle racecourse for an undisclosed sum. The silver trophy will be presented for the first time in 80 years at the revived meeting on August 26.

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# NatWest in £50,000 payout to clients who were overcharged

By Stephen Farrell

A BRANCH of the National Westminster Bank apologised to business customers yesterday after overcharging them by up to £14,000 each.

Managers at the bank in King's Lynn, Norfolk, paid £50,000 in rebates and compensation to nine firms after blaming the errors on failure to follow procedures. The mis-takes, involving high overdraft interest payments and cheque charges, were uncov-ered only when customers refused to accept bank denials and called in specialists.

One engineering firm won a £14,000 refund after it was overcharged for six years. Tom Kemp, a beef farmer, was awarded £11,242 after claiming money was wrongly taken from his account.

Mr Kemp, 59, from East Bilney, Norfolk, was first offered £3,000 in 1992 after National Westminster Bank

reading about other cases of overcharging in a farming magazine. The offer was later increased but fell short of the full sum until he called in a company which specialised in recovering excess charges. "I knew something was

wrong and I was losing money but it was like banging my head against a brick wall. The bank kept insisting it was correct, but I persevered until I got my money back," Mr

"It took the bank three years to admit it was wrong to the extent it was and pay up. I closed my account in disgust while I was fighting them -

give me a reference, which led to problems with me getting an account elsewhere.

Bob Whalley, 33, who runs a vehicle restoration firm in Tilney All Saints, won a £466 refund for errors dating back seven years, and is claiming a further £4,000. "I knew I was paying a lot of money in charges, but I could not put my finger on where the mis-takes were," Mr Whalley said. "It took the bank 11 months to admit I was owed £500 from 1989 and I am now hopeful of getting further rebates from

Mark Radin, of Anglia Business Associates, the firm which identified the errors, said: This is the worst case of multiple overcharging by just one branch that I have ever come across. It is quite possible that many other customers at the branch have been overcharged by the bank with-



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out realising it." Other rebates included E7,000 for a building materials supplier, £2,000 for a property developer, £1,500 for an insurance firm, £1,000 for a print company and £500 for another engineering firm.

National Westminster said last night that it had investigated the cases and apologised to customers. Clare Brown. a spokeswoman, said: "We are

aware of past instances where business customers at our King's Lynn branch have been overcharged. This is not a national problem."

She blamed human error in incorrect marking of overdraft limits and interest rates but said tighter procedures and more detailed breakdowns of charges had

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# It pays to check your statement

By Anne Ashworth

BELIEVING that your bank is infallible can be an expensive error. Mistakes do occur. They will seldom be in your favour, as numerous businesses and individuals have

Patricia Griffiths Associates, a firm of independent banking consultants, has uncovered errors stretching back several years, amounting in some cases to as much as £84,000, easily enough to send

a small business to the wall.
This type of bank error usually arises from the overcharging of overdraft interest. When you ask permission to go into the red, you will pay an authorised rate

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Patricia Griffiths says that everyone should check the overdraft interest figure on their statement. It's easy to arrive at a rough figure of what you should be paying in interest. If you have agreed to pay 2 per cent over base for your business overdraft, you should be paying, at the current level of rates, 7.75 per

draft rate is 26 per cent.

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from an air traffic controller prevented an Air France Airbus A320 from smashing into an Air Littoral Fokker F70 at 9,000ft. The near miss, in May last year, was disclosed yesterday by the Civil Aviation Authority in an official Air-

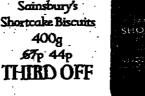
craft Proximity Report.

The A320, heading for Heathrow from Paris Charles de Gaulle, was circling at 10,000ft above Biggin Hill in southeast London. A thousand

feet below the Fokker twin jet was also circling. The air traffic controller at West Drayton meanwhile instructed another aircraft circling at 10,000ft over Wisley, Surrey, to descend to 9,000ft. To his horror he saw the Air France jet over Biggin Hill descend directly towards the Fokker 1.000ft below.

The aircraft were so close that they merged on the radar display. The report stated: "With some urgency in his voice the controller responded immediately, Eight zero six. Negative. Climb flight level one zero zero, flight level 100" (10,000ft). The panel set up to investigate praised his "impressive diligence and skill".







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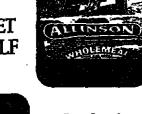




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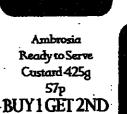








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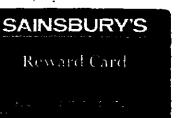
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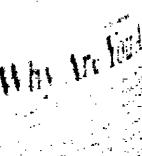




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# Gummer rejects speed limit on Windermere boats.

A 10mph speed limit for powered boats on Windermere has been rejected by the Government, despite the recommendation of an inquiry which said that speedboats and water-skiing were incompatible with nearly all other recreations on the lake.

The Lake District National Park Authority and conservation groups watersports enthusiasts and commercial users of the lake hailed it as a victory for common sense and for

Supporters of the speed limit say it is needed to protect residents' and visitors' quiet enjoyment of Win■ Boat clubs that had feared for their survival were celebrating, but lakeland officials warned of a possible appeal against the Environment Secretary's ruling, Michael Hornsby reports

dermere, which has seen a 60 per cent increase in boat traffic in 20 years. But John Gummer, the Environment Secretary, rejected the idea, saying it would unreasonably "deny a substantial number of users the full use of an important stretch of water over which there is a public right of navigation. "Motorboat racing has taken

place there since the 1920s and water-skiing has taken place since the early days of the sport, Windermere is one of only ten sites in the country for powerboat racing and is also unique in terms of its length for powerboat record attempts."

In reaching his decision. Mr Gummer overruled the recommendation of an independent inspector

who concluded after a 13-week public inquiry in 1994 that waterskiing and speedboats were incompatible with almost all other recreational uses, such as rowing. sailing and angling.

The speed limit was proposed by the Lake District National Park Authority. John Toothill, its chief executive, said: "We are taking legal advice on the possibility of contesting Mr Gummer's decision. It is baffling how the Secretary of State can appoint an inspector and then simply ignore his advice. There are currently 5,500 motorboats registered to use the lake. about 2,000 of them high-powered we have no power to restrict their numbers or their speed, except in a

The speed limit was supported at the inquiry by the Countryside Commission, the Government's adviser on land use, the National Trust, which owns four miles of shoreline, and Friends of the Lake District, representing residents.

Roger Clarke, the Countryside Commission's director of policy. said: "We are very disappointed National parks are not the place for noisy sports. Powerboats on Windermere bring pleasure to a minority, but are an increasing source

However, champagne was broken open after news of the decision reached the 227-member Windermere Motorboat Racing Club, near Bowness, Chris Gabbon, the manager, said: "If the speed limit had been imposed we would have had to close the club, which was founded in 1926. We race on only

many of our boats are fitted with silencers to reduce noise." Chris Pretty, manager of Low Wood Water Sports Centre, near Ambleside, said: "We are delighted by the Environment Secretary's decision. About 80 per cent of our

about 12 Saturdays in the year and

and we could not have survived without it."

Opponents of the speed limit. including the Royal Yachting Association and the Sports Council, said that ways of managing the lake-could be found to satisfy everyone. Len Hayton, a solicitor who has lived in the area all his life and represented commercial users of

Windermere at the inquiry, said: A blanket speed ban would be totally unfair. Regulation is needed, but this could be done by zoning certain areas of the lake for speedboating and requiring boat users to pass a test of competency."

# Anti-car mob blocks streets and invades Tube office

By Jonathan Prynn

NINE anti-car protesters were mob forced its way into the office of the head of London Underground after a demonstration in Trafalgar Square.

The protesters overpowered security guards at the company's headquarters at St James's Park Underground station, injuring one, and rushed up seven floors of stairs to the office of Peter Ford, its chairman, where they unfurled banners and chanted slogans.

Mr Ford said: "A deputation of uninvited visitors burst into the office and some started throwing paper around. They looked as if they were intent on causing mayhem. I said: 'Look - if you are going to do this, let's establish a few ground rules." One of them locked the

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A protester is led away. Nine people were arrested

door, and Mr Ford asked him

"Their main object seemed to be to display their banners outside the building and I was quite worried because the way

ers cycled at walking pace down some of the capital's busiest streets. Four groups of protesters converged on Tra-falgar Square and cycled round, before moving on to Whitehall and Parliament Square, stopping briefly out-side Downing Street. There were angry ex-changes between the protest-

ers and motorists who tried to break through the wall of bicycles. The protesters said they were highlighting the need for more investment in public transport and trying to persuade more people to travel to work by bicycle.

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The cyclists' protest during yesterday's strike on the Underground brought much of central London to a halt

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# Minister's accusers will not face perjury charge

BY SHIRLEY ENGLISH

FOUR women who made false allegations that a minister in the Free Church of Scotland not be prosecuted for perjury, the Crown Office said

The decision brings to a close another episode in the case of Professor Donald Mac-leod. 55, of Edinburgh. who was cleared in June of five charges of indecent assault against the women. It also means that fellow Free Church ministers accused of orchestrating a smear campaign against the professor

will not be investigated. The women had alleged that Professor Macleod kissed and touched them on separate occasions between 1985 and 1991. One flew from Tasmania to testify. But at the end of the trial, Sheriff Horsburgh accused the women of lying and said that Professor Maclend had been the victim of a ten-



year conspiracy led by his enemies within the Free Church. The conspirators were said to be hardliners who objected to Professor Maclead's modernising influence. The Sheriff's remarks led to the Crown investigation into possible perjury and a conspiracy to pervert the course of

But in a statement yesterday

consideration of a report by the Procurator Fiscal at Edinburgh into the trial of Professor Donald Macleod, Crown counsel have concluded that no further investigations are warranted and that criminal proceedings against the witnesses would not be justified." A source said the decision did not reflect on the outcome of the trial in any way. As far as the Crown was concerned.

Professor Macleod was away on holiday and unavailable for comment yesterday. The father of one of the women accusers said he was relieved by the decision "as far as it goes" and said he was

the matter was now closed.

standing by his daughter. The announcement was also welcomed by ministers accused of orchestrating a campaign against Professor Macleod. They insisted there had never been any conspiracy and repeated complaints that their evidence had not

# **Sport-loving** teenager left his own memorial

BY KATE ALDERSON

A BOY dying of cancer who wanted to be remembered by the speedway team he idolised spent his last months working to buy his own memorial trophy.

Karl Friar, 16, from Tweedmouth, Northumberland, was told in June that he had no hope of recovery. despite having chemotherapy. A passionate supporter of the Berwick Bandits, he took a part-time job in a butcher's shop to raise money to buy a

silver cup.

The teenager, who lived with his divorced mother. worked every afternoon in the shop in in Tweedmouth. saving all of the £5 he carned each day. He continued to go to the Berwick race track every weekend and tried to keep the news of his terminal condition from his friends

Karl died on Saturday, and yesterday members of the team, many of whom had not

realised how ill he was attended his funeral.
Mike Hope, 47, owner and promoter of the Berwick Bandits, was one of the pallbearers. "We knew Karl was ill but no one ever realised he had cancer, let alone that he was dying. The fact that he was saving up all this time for a trophy came as a shock to us all. It's typical of Karl, he was thinking about us to the

The teenager's ambition to leave a memorial was realised, and speedway teams in the North of England will now compete annually for the Karl Friar Trophy.



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# Chester invites debate over strange elliptical building and its role as a base for invasion of Ireland

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# Port city that leaves scholars with two unsolved questions

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DEVA, the Roman Chester, was the largest fort in the country. It covered 60 acres when all the others were 50 acres or less, boasted the largest amphitheatre and conrained a large, mysterious elliptical building the like of which has been found nowhere else in the empire. Clearly, something pretty important was going on here. Founded in AD79, Chester

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was a frontier post from which to push forward the boundaries of empire among the savage tribes of North Wales and the equally recalcitrant Brigantes to the north and east. Its large harbour on the River Dee and its central location made it a candidate for provincial capital of Britain, until London's advantage of being much nearer the

Continent won the day. But could Chester also have been the springboard for that enduring Roman controversy, an invasion of Ireland? Most scholars agree that no such invasion took place, but they admit the possibility that successive governors of Britain may well have thought about it, and even made preparations for a D-Day-style landing. Chester would have been the natural place to assemble and victual a fleet, to gather the invasion troops and from which to sally forth



North Wales coast. However, imperial strategy changed and the legions found themselves trying to subdue the Picts instead. With most of its regular troops away crossing swords with Highlanders, or building Hadrian's Wall, much of Chester was left deserted, rubbish piling up in its streets and empty houses, until it enjoyed a 2nd-century revival when Rome had finally given up trying to bring Caledonia to heel.

Chester was always a fort rather than a civilian town, and the surviving massive medieval walls and gridiron street plan closely follow its 2,000-year-old origins. Do not, however, be misled by the word fort Dr Peter Carrington, senior archaeologist with Chester City Council, says: "You cannot compare a legionary fort with a modern army barracks, which are strictly utilitarian. A fort was



Well-preserved Roman tombstones in the Grosvenor Museum. They reflect Chester's status as a cosmopolitan port and provincial capital

wedge-shaped rooms around a courtyard. Current thinking ious regions of the Roman Empire or the known world. As for the amphitheatre, which lies half-excavated in the city centre, it too probably played its part in impressing natives, with equivalents of the Royal Tour-

nament and the Edinburgh Tattoo. Senior imperial officials were regular visitors to Chester and they liked to put on a show. Plans to unearth the other half of the amphi-

and the site remains bisected by an ugly concrete wall. Being a port, Roman Chester was undoubtedly a cosmomarkably well-preserved gravestones displayed in the

fragment, with the deceased's tify. One is of a Sarmatian horseman from what is now name missing, and the only Hungary, and two more are in legible inscription Naufragio Perit: He died in a shipwreck. Greek: the Greeks were the intellectual smart set of the Roman Empire, often practis-

ing as doctors. Perhaps the

**Tomorrow: Colcheste** 



The hypocaust that heated the garrison bath-house

# Bath-house lies buried under Spud-U-Like

visible city walls are almost entirely medieval, although they partially follow the course of the Roman originals. The best Roman fragment, still standing to 15ft, can be seen by standing on the canal bridge just outside

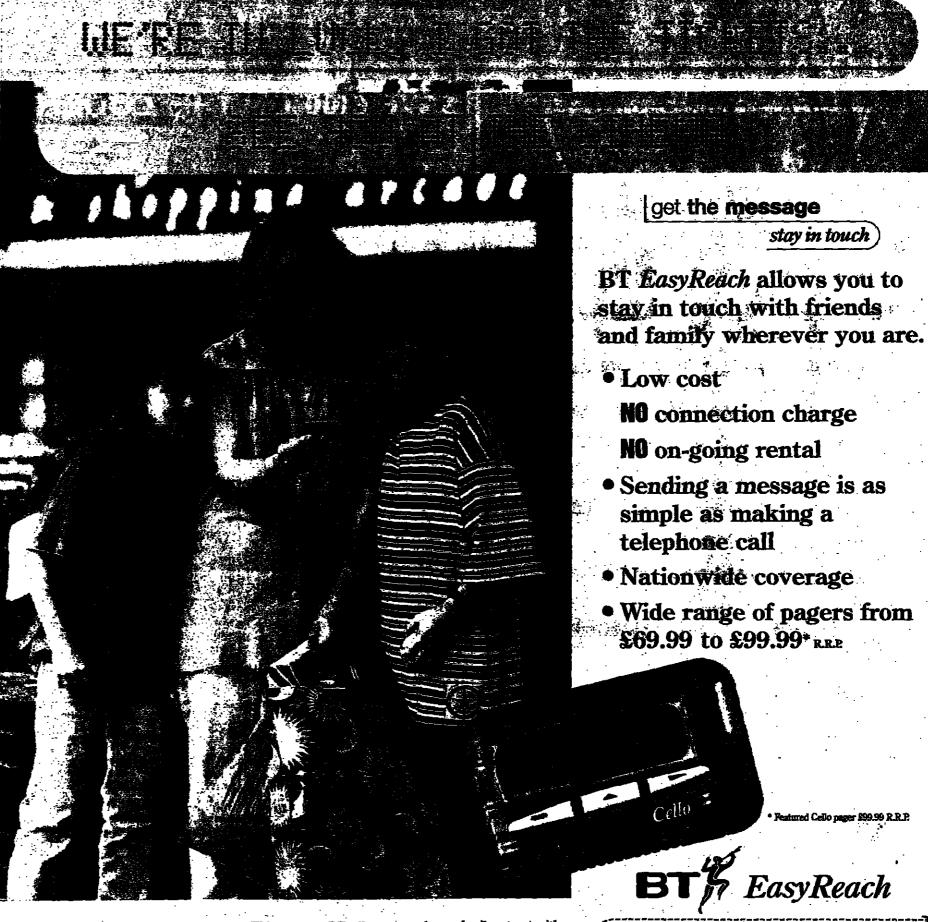
takable, forcing the modern main road into a long sweeping curve to avoid it. Alongside, in Souters Lane, is the Roman Garden, filled with bits of Roman columns and other architectural fragments too big for museums. It is a perfect spot for relaxation. Across the street are the substantial foundations of the angle-tower that guarded a corner of the fort's walls.

Most of Roman Chester lies hidden beneath the modpeeps through in basements. In the unlikely setting of the Spud-U-Like shop at 39 Bridge Street is a large and well-preserved section of a hypocaust which heated the garrison bath-house. In Jigsaw, a clothes shop at 23 Northgate Street, you can see column bases and shafts from the fort's headquarters building. Miss Selfridge at 12 Northgate Street has another fragment of hypocaust.

Cross the Dee at the end of Lower Bridge Street and turn immediately right into Edgar's Field to see the badly weathered Shrine of Minerva. carved into the stone of what was the principal Roman sandstone quarry in the area.

Chester's Grosvenor Museum (Mon-Sat 10.30-5, Sun 2-5, admission free) has a good collection of Roman gravestones and funerary monuments, many broken but their inscriptions still remarkably clear from having been used as facing stones in the medieval city walls, carved side inwards. From the museum, a short walk across the Dee leads to the racecourse, which in Roman times was the centre of an important port. Fragments of the original quay are visible as you

descend from the road. Dewa Roman Experience. Pierpoint Lane, off Bridge Street, is a "theme" museum alongside a genuine frag-ment of city wall (open daily.



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# Suharto bid to keep big business in the family

FROM CHRISTOPHER THOMAS IN JAKARTA

PRESIDENT SUHARTOS family fortune is the biggest mystery in Indonesia, although everyone knows it is vast. Some of his six children are among the world's wealthiest tycoons and the family's political, economic, social and even military power in the world's fourth most populous country is practically beyond

There are two subjects the President never discusses publicly: the succession and family business. His refusal to name a successor, or even to establish machinery to choose one, makes the nation jittery, while questions about his family's privileged business opportunities fuel criticism of nepotism. The family's wealth may rival that of the Sultan of Brunei, the world's richest

A significant slice of Indonesia's fast-growing "tiger" eco-nomy is controlled by his children, whose interests range from car-making to petrochemical plants, road toll companies and satellite communications. The President signed a decree granting his youngest son. "Tommy" Hutomo Mandala Putra, exclusive tax and tariff concessions to develop a national car, undercutting competitors who must pay swingeing import duties. His vehicle will sell at about half the price of competing

The family's interests are believed to range far beyond the known companies into a range of subsidiary interests not publicly linked to the Suhartos. Substantial political power also rests with the children. The eldest daughter, Tutut Siti Hadijanti Rukmana, 47, and the second son, Bambang Trihattmodjo, hold senior posts in Golkar, the government party, one of only three groups that are allowed to contest elections.

President Suharto, 75, a former general, retains good relations with the Army and is said to bridge the generation gap between him and contmanders through his son-inlaw, Brigadier General Prabowo Subianto, married to the second Suharto daughter.

Mrs Tutut's extensive business interests include control



of a company, listed on the stock market in 1994, that collects revenues from Java's main toll roads. She has been tipped as a possible presidential successor, but some analysts believe that President Suharto's priority is not the establishment of a political dynasty but the securing of his business interests when he is not around to promote or protect them. That means trying to ensure

that the family is protected from retroactive vindictiveness: the children's business privileges have caused resentment among business rivals and Japan has been threatening legal action against the tax and duty concessions that will make "Tommy's" national car, production of which is being set up in co-operation with a South Korean firm, so cheap. There are two Suharto cars: Bambang has also developed

one in co-operation with another South Korean company, but without the tax and dury advantages. The brothers are thus business rivals.

Bambang owns a petro-chemical plant and earlier this year was reported to be negotiating for a £645 million contract with the state oil company, Pertamina, to build a national gas extraction plant. A grandson has been given the right to raise a levy on beer.

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# Assad dismisses . Netanyahu offer to remove troops

FROM ROSS DUNN IN JERUSALEM

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ficials questioned Hoda Fudeh, 30, an

Israeli-Arab, in a Tel

Aviv court about two

bomb attacks in 1994

against Jewish targets

in London. She denied

any involvement with

the attacks. (Reuter)

PRESIDENT ASSAD of Syria yesterday dismissed publicly an initial attempt by Israel's right-wing Government to make peace with his country.

Mr Assad said he would never agree to the offer made by Binyamin Netanyahu, the Israeli Prime Minister, to withdraw Israeli troops from southern Lebanon as a precursor to peace with Damascus.

The Syrian leader said those who promoted the "Lebanon first" policy were not interested in real peace. "Syria and Lebanon first -

at the same time. in the same steps." Mr Assad told a news conference after meeting Presi-dent Mubarak of Egypt in Alexandria. Mr Netanyahu said that Israeli troops would withdraw from southern Hezbollah guer-

rillas were dis-armed and the security of northern Israel were guaranteed. The offer was made to Syria because it is the main power-broker in Lebanon, where it has more than 30,000 troops.

Mr Assad seemed angry. nowever, that the Israeli offer avoided confronting the issue giving up the Golan Heights, captured from Syria in 1967. Damascus wants this area to be returned as a precondition of full peace with Israel. The Syrian leader said: No one who read the invitation sent by Netanyahu gets the feeling that it is the road to peace and that those who wrote it are committed to peace."

Peace talks between Syria and Israel began in 1991 but have been stalled for some time over the Golan issue. Relations between the two Mr Netanyahu's election in May and his public rejection of the idea of giving up more land in return for peace. "We

are committed to the peace process, based on United Nations resoluprinciple of land for peace and all obligations and agreemems decided during the past five years," Mr Assad said.

On these bases we are prepared to resume neace negotiations. Yassir Arafat. the President of

talks with King Husain of Jordan regarding the Israeli Government. The meeting followed Mr Arafat's criticism of Mr Netanyahu's decision to lift a freeze on Jewish settlements in the West Bank and Gaza Strip, home to more than two million Palestinians.

The two men were due to discuss the settlement issue and Mr Arafat's concerns about Jordan's ambitions for the West Bank, which it ruled

# Smugglers pack red-light women for green channel

FROM ROBERT WHYMANT IN TOKYO

JAPANESE customs officials are intensifying inspections of tourists returning from Thailand after discovering that dozens of young Thai women were entering the country packed into passengers' hand

Officers at Tokyo and Osaka airports have so far retrieved four young Thai women from bags in random checks in the "nothing to declare" lanes.

Police believe that as many as 40 have entered Japan in luggage in recent months, and suspect that the operation is the work of an international syndicate.

Osaka police yesterday placed Toshiro Oyama, a 42year-old Japanese man who lives in Thailand, on an international wanted list, on suspicion of smuggling Thai women into Japan. An al-

leged accomplice. Kazumi

ka airport in June. A customs inspector who ordered him to open his bag (24ins long, 11ins wide and 29ins high) found a 20-year-old Thai woman folded up inside. The woman, who was carrying a false passport, had hoped to find illegal employment in Japan's entertainment industry.

Kobayashi, 35, a dothing

salesman, was caught at Osa-

Mr Kobayashi confessed to carrying about 40 Thai women into Japan. each of whom paid about four million yen (£27.000) for the chance of finding a job in a bar or massage parlour.

Police say that the Thai women are boarding flights in Bangkok with a carrier, who packs them into bags in airport lavatories between the arrivals gate and passport inspection.

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# Germany's former communists discover the ills of capitalism

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The popular assumption that East Germans would become healthier after the heavily polluted former communist state was cleaned up has been dashed by researchers in Erfurt and Hamburg. There has been a rapid increase in asthma, hayfever, respiratory diseases and serious allergies. Some cancers - especially those of the breast and colon t have increased in the east, as have a range of stress-related psycholog-

When the Berlin Wall came down, East Germans looked forward to a cleaner, healthier future. But, Roger Boyes reports, cancers, allergies and respiratory disease are on the increase

ical disorders such as anorexia and clinical depression. Since unification. East Germans have been suffering as never before from

Improved diagnosis and better statistics may have boosted the sickness figures but researchers agree that this is only a partial explanation. After the collapse of the Berlin Wall, western researchers hurried to the east and set up monitoring teams which took blood samples from young children and recorded the strength of

The first findings in 1992 were surprising: despite dirtier water, polluted air and soil that was often poisoned by heavy fertilisers, East German children were more robust than their Western counterhood allergies have risen by between 20 and 50 per cent.

Scientists have been proposing various explanations. One possibility is that the communist kindergarten system crammed large numbers of children together while their mothers went to work. Infection spread quickly and this belped to build up the immune systems of the children. Now kindergartens and creches are disappearing. The women of eastern Germany were the first to join the unemployment queue and find that the cost of childcare takes away most of what they can earn in

parts. Now, four years later, the Research Centre for Environment and Health has found that child-cigarette companies, children in Sures have led to big increases in psychosomatic illnesses. The Burg climic in Thuringia has become the east have started to smoke at a much earlier age: lung tests on east German 11 to 13-year-olds clearly show a deterioration in health.

Improvements in the standard of living have also had an impact on health. Draughty wooden window frames have been replaced by airtight plastic ones; there are new carpets on the floors, and dustgathering video recorders on the shelves. "Optimal conditions for the dust mite," says Dr Joachim

The most obvious new element in the equation is stress. Unemployment and competitive pres-

one of many eastern hospitals to note the sharp rise in chronic head and back pain, sleep disturbance and psychosis. Reinhard Plassmann, a psychiatrist who practises in East and West Germany, believes that some forms of depression have become four times more common in the east. "Patients say that they can no longer come to

Some disorders, such as anorexia, were barely acknowledged in communist times. Other compulsive illnesses - such as gambling

grips with life, and that they would like to retire immediately or even

to the new capitalism because amusement arcades (unknown under the communists) now feature in every city centre. Aids has also hit the East.

It is not all bad news, however. Blood pressure is improving and life expectancy has significantly increased. Providing that the East German male does not get knocked down by a BMW, he can expect to live to about 73. Under the communists his life expectancy would have been three years shorter. A similar trend can be observed in the fast-reforming states of Central Europe.

Body and Mind, page 14

# Russians humbled as Chechen rebels storm into Grozny

FROM RICHARD BEESTON IN MOSCOW

CHECHEN rebel fighters were poised to capture the centre of Grozny, the besieged Chechen capital, yesterday as Russian troops were cut off by guerrillas or driven out of the

city in fierce street fighting. In one of the most humiliating chapters of Russia's disastrous 20-month campaign in the breakaway Caucasus republic. Chechen separatists continued to throw the au-thorities on the defensive in the second day of a lightning assault.

According to the Interfax news agency, the Russian casualty toll in 48 hours of fighting climbed to 50 troops dead and 200 wounded. No figures were available for the guerrillas, although they said that 22 civilians had died in a retaliatory Russian airstrike on a rebel-held village.

Although heavy fighting made it difficult to obtain an from local reports that most of central Grozny was in rebel hands as well as the town of Argun, ten miles east, where rebels beat back a Russian

ACCOUNTS of the Caucasian

wars, Russia's long imperial

struggle with the mountain-

ous tribes of the Caucasus in the 19th century, contrast the slow and ponderous Russian

forces, strong only in weight of

numbers, with the nimble

ways of the daredevil

The speed and efficiency of

yesterday's raid on Grozny by

the Chechen rebels shows up

cow's claim to be in control of

Chechenia 18 months after

President Yeltsin chose to use

force to bring the rebellious region back into line. The

guerrillas' lightning attack

looks back to a long tradition

of horseback raids in which

the Chechens terrorised the

Cossack settlements and forts

in the plains, using surprise to

combat the Russians' numeri-

cal superiority.

"mountaineers".

Much of the focus yesterday column had reached the city's was centered on government buildings in central Grozny, where a group of troops, Russian journalists and some civilians faced imminent

capture.

The situation is critical," said Akmal Saidov, a Russian government representative in Chechenia. "The coming night may be the last in the life of those who are defending the

Although witnesses reported that an armoured relief



Basayev: led Chechens'

seem to have learnt nothing

since the days of General Aleksei Yermolov in the 1820s;

he believed his mission was to

fight a whole population, but

succeeded only in antag-

onising the entire Chechen

people. Since Mr Yeltsin was

re-elected, the Russians have

bombed Chechen villages with

no regard for civilian suffer-

ing. The effect has been only to

encourage neutral villagers to

The guerrillas will not hope

to win permanent control of

Grozny. The offensive is de-

signed to illustrate that they

cannot be beaten militarily

and that the Russians must

negotiate seriously if they

want a solution. The separat-

ists are most likely to disap-

pear into the hills as soon as

serious reinforcements arrive,

and wait for the Russians to

decide that it is time to start

join the cause.

Kremlin repeating

errors of the tsars

By Thomas de Waal

### attack. The rebels made little secret of their aim to embarrass President Yeltsin ahead of his swearing in ceremony tomor-

outskirts, the troops either did

not want, or had not received,

orders to launch a counter-

row. "We agreed to meet Yeltsin half way during the (presidential) elections," said a fighter quoted by Izvestia. "We believed him when he said he would stop the war. We not only ceased fighting in our territory, but even allowed the elections to be held.

But now it turns out Yeltsin has fooled everyone. As soon as he won the elections he immediately forgot ... Now we want to spoil his celebrations and to remind all his guests that the war in Chechenia is continuing and that Chechenia will never give in to force."

Tim Guldimann, the Grozny representative for the Organisation for Security and Cooperation in Europe, confirmed that while the fighting continued there was little hope of restarting any peace

"There is absolutely no chance of even trying to start any dialogue while this lighting is going on in the city." he told The Times from his offices in central Grozny. "For the second day now it has been sporadic but fierce. We are trapped in our building. There is nothing we can do until the Chechen fighters withdraw."

The impact of the fighting, and in particular the fresh Russian casualties, does threaten to overshadow President Yeltsin's inauguration, which the ailing leader had hoped would mark the crowning success of his political

However, the upbeat mood after his re-election victory in July has evaporated and given way to growing criticism amone some of his supporters over his incompetent handling of the latest Chechen crisis.

The liberal Russian press which had whole heartedly backed President Yeltsin during his campaign, turned on him yesterday, accusing the Kremlin of confused leadership and blaming it in part for the rebel attack.

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Greg Willis, above, clings to the tail of the 18ft oarfish. Below, he poses with the creature that later thrashed itself to death on rocks

# Rare catch rises from the deep

FROM GILES WHITTELL IN LOS ANGELES

ON THE day earthlings learnt of life on Mars, Californians were regaled yesterday by "the ultimate fish story" -about an 18ff oarfish whose kind has rarely been seen

Dr William Shachtman, an eye surgeon from Colorado, was snorkelling in a lagoon off the Baja California peninsula in northern Mexico last month when his wife's screams from the deck of their chartered boat made him to turn mund.

Breaking the surface and heading straight for him was silver, snake-like creature three times the length of a man and more than 4ft in circumference. "He swam right past me at arm's length,"

Dr Shachtman said yesterday. "First there was a huge, saucer-shaped eye with a black pupil, then this beautiful red crest went up in display along his back. I was stunned. If I could have walked on water I would have done so at that point." Satisfied the beast was no

Greg Willis, joined Dr Shachtman in the water and managed to cling briefly to its dorsal fin before being "flicked off like a fly off a horse's back". He is probably the only human ever to have een towed by an oartish.

shark, the boat's captain,

Documented sightings of Regulecus glesne, which reach 30ft, can be counted on two hands. A 56ft serpent-like fish washed on to a Scottish beach in 1808 is now thought to have been an oarfish. Three more have been seen off Baja California in recent years, all

Thought to spend most of their lives at depths of 1,000ft to 3,000ft, oarfish have only one compelling reason to surface - to die. The one that surprised Dr Shachtman was bleeding from its gills and appeared to have been attacked by a shark or sea lion. Mr Willis said. It beached itself on rocks and thrashed itself to death.

A videoti moments is being studied by scientists at the Scripps Oceanographic Institute in

# **Summit revives Bosnia fears**

between their two states. Bel-

grade and Zagreb have in the

BY EVE-ANN PRENTICE DIPLOMATIC CORRESPONDENT

THE leaders of Serbia and Croatia - the two men most widely blamed for starting the wars in the former Yugoslavia - yesterday met for a summit hailed as a leap forward in the normalisation of their relations, but seen by many Western diplomats as a sinister manoeuvre to finalise the par-

tition of Bosnia. Presidents Milosevic of Serbia and Tudiman of Croatia announced that their countries would establish diplomatic relations at the end of the month. The real motive for the meeting, however, was

believed to have been to pick over the spoils of the Balkan ed by the Muslim-led Bosnian Government of planning the conflict. The meeting, at partition of the country into Serbian and Croatian zones if, Vouliagmeni, a seaside resort south of Athens, marked the first official summit between as many fear, the Bosnian elections next month end in the two since the break-up of

"It is very, very important that the two leaders have the former Yugoslavia in 1991. Mr Milosevic and Dr Tudjman are believed to have chosen to have this highheld a summit at Tito's old profile meeting," said a senior Karadjordjevo hunting lodge diplomatic source yesterday. in March 1991, weeks before The main subject was to tie the conflict began, when they up the loose pieces and probawere alleged to have discussed the break-up of Yugoslavia and the division of Bosnia bly to agree that the Muslim-Croat federation would not be allowed to succeed."

Meanwhile, a party of 36 people from Barcelona yesterday became the first tourists to visit Sarajevo since April 1992.

# to stop growing coca

Planters offered cash

By Gabriella Gamini, south america correspondent

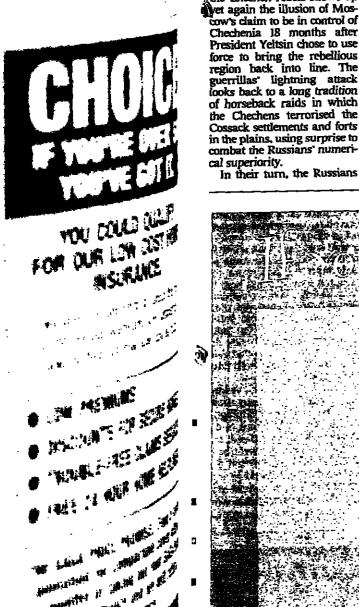
THE Colombian Government yesterday offered to pay compensation to tens of thousands of coca leaf planters if they burn the fields on which they grow the crop used to make cocaine and opt for food production instead.

The offer is seen as an attempt to curb violent protests that have rocked the cocagrowing regions of Putumayo, Guavire and Caqueta this week. More than ten people have been killed in clashes with security forces.

More than 200,000 coca

growers have gathered in the towns of the jungle areas where most of Colombia's cocaine is produced, demanding an end to a crop eradication plan launched by President Samper.

The growers say coca is the only crop that gives them enough income to feed their families. Dozens of helicopters donated by the United States have been used to spray the plantations with chemicals, but the producers say that their food crops have also been destroyed.





By Michael Binyon, diplomatic editor

AMERICA'S heavy-handed attempt to impose worldwide sanctions on countries trading with Iran and Libya yesterday ran into a storm of foreign criticism, uniting Washington's closest allies with radical opponents of America.

The D'Amato Bill has succeeded in antagonising even governments normally keen to back Washington and committed to the international fight against terrorism, such as Britain. France, Germany and Japan. Their criticism has deeply embarrassed President Clinton and been used as evidence by Iran to insist that such sanctions will fail.

President Chirac yesterday threatened America with re-prisals if French firms are penalised for trading with Iran or Libya, and is now attempting to rally European opposition. Leon Brittan, the EU Trade Commissioner, described the legislation as unacceptable, and said it represented "a clear violation of the principle of extra-territorinewspaper La Stampa the law was a threat to the European economic system.

The British Government has also voiced its concern and called for a concerted response by the law's opponents though officials have been careful to moderate the language in which they have criticised the Clinton Administration. More radical foes of

American policy have had no such qualms. China urged Washington to hold talks with Libya and Iran, and said the law was not consistent with international norms.

Russia, which has little investment in Libya but is seeking to expand its trade with Iran especially on nuclear co-operation. was equally outspoken.

"We need co-ordinated practical measures to improve wide anti-terrorist co-operation based on international law, but not unilateral steps contradicting the law," said a Russian Foreign Ministry spokesman. Libya's official

news agency, Jamahariya, said that the sanctions would backfire on the United States and called them an excessive demonstration of hatred and selfishness". The Iranians were gloating

ain has consistently opposed

any attempt by Washington to

impose laws affecting British

companies or American sub-

sidiaries in Britain. John Ma-

jor and other G7 leaders

reiterated their opposition to

this at the Lyons summit in

June, and embassies in Wash-

ington have been busy lobby-

ing Congress in an attempt to

Some of the toughest criti-

cism has come from Asia.

Japan, whose own trade relations with Washington have been marked by acrimony and

threats of sanctions and trade

wars, was unusually outspo-

ken. Hiroshi Hashimoto, the Foreign Ministry spokesman, said it was "lamentable" that

the United States imposed

extra-territorial legislation.

This could go against a World

Trade Organisation agree-

ment. He said Japan would continue to urge the US to reconsider the law and would

decide what action to take in

the light of how it was applied.

the Deputy Prime Minister

and Trade Minister, said the

country was opposed to any

source of terrorism. But it

believed the American law

was wrong in principle and its

Criticism also came from

Brazil and the Gulf Arab

states, some of which have

openly accused Iran of pro-

moting terrorism in their

Some of the allied opposi-

tion will be particularly wounding, even from coun-

tries that normally give Wash-

ington a rough ride. Donning

mentor. General de Gaulle.

President Chirac used the

final French Cabinet meeting

before the summer holidays to

place himself in the front line

"If it became apparent that

of the row with Washington.

French firms were affected, France would have to take

immediate reprisals," he de-

clared. "France and Europe

should give themselves appro-

priate legislation, so that they

can treat these questions on

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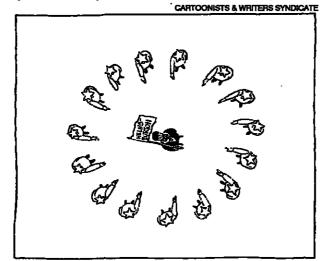
practical effect.

In Australia, Tim Fischer,

head off the D'Amato Bill.

at the confusion. Gholamreza Aghazadeh, the Oil Minister, said the law was doomed to failure. He said that if a precedent were established. giving a state the right to approve legislation against other nations, there would be international chaos.

The vehemence of the oppo sition from America's leading allies cannot have been a surprise to Washington. Brit-



America isolated in trying to punish trade with Cuba, as portrayed by Arcadio in Costa Rica's *Tico Times* 

# Offer to Europe on loopholes

FROM TOM RHODES

AMERICA offered an olive branch to its European allies yesterday if they entered a cooperative effort to isolate what the US State Department refers to as the two state sponsors of terrorism.

The Clinton Administration said that European companies could receive certain relief from a new law, signed by the President earlier this week, which punishes foreign firms

of Iran or Libya. Sanctions will affect any company that invests an annual \$40 million (£26 million) or more in oil or gas projects but, as Britain and other countries continued to put strong pressure on Washington the White House said that certain clauses in the Act allowed the Administration to waive sanctions if allied governments or businesses

had a change of heart. "We have a long-standing policy of attempting to work with our allies to isolate the two regimes in question and

now," a White House official

The Administration hopes that the European Union will not take its protest to the World Trade Organisation. but was confident of victory should that take place.

Under the new law, the President has the authority to waive sanctions on the ground of national interest, can delay their imposition for two successive 90-day periods and suspend sanctions after they have been working for a year.

Kennedy book mars image of virtuous bride

FROM QUENTIN LETTS IN NEW YORK

AMERICA'S "royal" family, the Kennedys, had a taste yesterday of the treatment normally reserved for the House of Windsor.

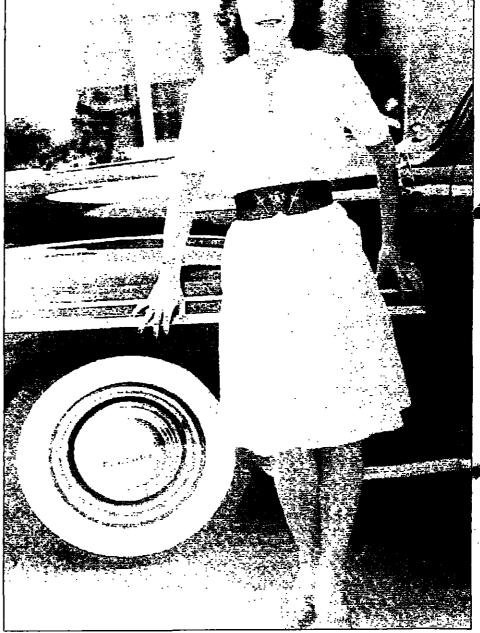
Lurid details of the personal lives of the late Jacqueline and John Kennedy were published, from descriptions of where the young Jackie Bou-vier first made love (in a creaking, ascending Paris lift) to the sexual disease that afflicted Kennedy through much of his adult life.

The claims, made in a new book, were given an extensive run in Vanity Fair magazine. They included descriptions of snobbery and underhand social plotting at the Bouvier-Kennedy wedding in 1953, of Kennedy confessing to his fiancée that he was a philanderer, and the disclosure that many of the Bouvier family and their friends referred to Irish descent, as "Micks".

The claims were made by Edward Klein, author of All Too Human; the Love Story of Jack and Jackie Kennedy. He alleges that Jackie Bouvier was physically abused by her mother, who also sabotaged her courtship with a bibulous writer called John Phillips Marquand — the man in that Paris lift.

The way Klein describes the meeting of John Kennedy and Jackie Bouvier at a Washington dinner party, their union appears to have been the manoeuvering by two ambitious families. Love was a secondary concern, even for the bride and groom.

An America which only months ago demonstrated its enduring affection for "Jackie O", when some of the former First Lady's effects were auctioned for \$35 million (almost £23 million), was presented with the claim that the future President Kennedy demanded that his bride should not be an "experienced voyager" in the sexual sense. Americans



Jacqueline Bouvier at Newport, Rhode Island, where she was 1947 debutante of the year

often express horror that Buckingham Palace made certain inquiries about Lady Diana Spencer's romantic past before her marriage to the Prince of Wales, but it now appears the Kennedys went through the same process — although their lan-

guage was more coarse. Klein cited former Senator George Smathers, now 82, who described Kennedy's decision to own up to his fiancée about his sexual shenanigans. "Jack unloaded," Mr Šmathers is quoted as saying. "He confessed everything. She handled it pretty well. She was aware that Jack was a Jackie's engagement ring was bought for her by her

future father-in-law, scheming Joe Kennedy. Jack Kennedy himself "had no interest in such sentimental things" claimed Klein. Stephanie Larson, a polit-

ical science professor and media commentator at Dickinson College. Pennsylvania. said yesterday that the allegations about the Kennedys would be seen by some Americans as "spitting on some-one's grave". "Enough is



Kennedy: let his father

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# Dole 'plays politics with marriage'

FROM MARTIN FLETCHER IN WASHINGTON

BOB DOLE suffered a new blow vesterday when two ma-American publications raised questions about his past and present marriages.

The Washington Post claimed Mr Dole forced his first wife, Phyllis, into a divorce she did not want and orchestrated the legal proceedings to ensure maximum speed and minimum political embarrassment. Vanity Fair magazine went further, alleging not only that Mr Dole was seeing another woman before the divorce but that his present marriage to Elizabeth Hanford Dole was essentially a "business association".

The charges come just days before the Republican convention opens in San Diego and will make it harder for Mr Dole either to play the "character" card against President Clinton in this autumn's name another divorcee as his running mate this Saturday. Two of the leading contenders. John McCain, an Arizona senator, and Governor John Engler of Michigan, are both

Mr Dole has highlighted his tough Kansas childhood and recovery fron near-fatal war wounds during this campaign, but never speaks of his 1972 divorce. Phyllis was an one patiental there is the control of the partial there is the control. occupational therapist he met during his recovery in 1948. Yesterday's articles both recounted her tireless support for her disabled husband as he studied law and began his political career, and how Mr Dole's obsession with politics after reaching Washington destroyed their marriage. "In the last year of the 23-

year marriage, Senator Dole had dinner with his wife and child only twice - on Christ-



Bob Dole and his wife Elizabeth: the couple "communicate by phone and memo". an American magazine claims

mas and Easter," Vanity Fair reported. "One day in Decem-ber 1970 he walked upstairs and announced simply. 'I

The Post reported that Mr Dole, then Republican party chairman consulted President Nixon about the likely fallout from his divorce and strove to minimise the embarrassment. He had Phyllis file for a divorce that he had initiated. A friendly Kansas judge granted it after hours, so no reporters were present and there was no public record of the testimony. Mr Dole provided one of Phyllis's two lawyers who persuaded the judge to waive ostensibly on her behalf the statutory 60-day waiting period for divorce pro-

Phyllis, now remarried and living in Kansas, told the Post she was "stunned" by the suddenness of the break-up. She believed the marriage could have been saved. "I filed

for divorce at his insistence . . . 6 He pretty much ignores her ... and

The way I was raised people didn't divorce." Vanity Fair reported that she "got no child support, only minimal alimony and her furniture".

magazine further reported that Mr Dole had meanwhile employed a beauti-

took phone calls from the senator. "He would spend the night at her house," another employee told the magazine.

ful model named Phyllis Wells in his Kansas City office who

could not type and mainly

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"She was just absolutely gorgeous ... there's no question that he was seeing her prior to being divorced," said David Owen, an old but estranged Kansan friend of Mr Dole. In 1975 Mr Dole married Elizabeth, an ambirious 39-

year-old White House aide who later served in the Bush and Reagan Cabinets. A former adviser to both Doles told Vanity Fair they were "attracted to each other, but it was more of a business association and that's certainly what it's evolved into. A senior Dole campaign adviser called it a very separated marriage". Mr Owen said: "He preny much ignores her ... Dole has basically reverted to the loner that he is. That's exactly the same thing that happened in his first marriage.

The magazine claimed the communicate by phone and memo". spent their twentieth wedding anniversain different cities, and shared no mutual passions beyond politics.

# Jail cell searched for crash evidence

By Quentin Letts

THE New York prison cell of Ramzi Yousef, an alleged Arab terrorist, has been ransacked nightly by guards at the request of authorities investigating the crash of TWA-Flight 800.

Mr Yousef, the alleged mas-termind of the World Trade Centre bomb in Manhattan, is also suspected of plotting the destruction of Western airliners. His small cell at the Metropolitan Correctional Facility has been "tossed" for any evidence that might help crash investigators. The mattress has been turned upside down and his few belongings have been examined.

Last month's TWA crash off Long Island, which killed 230 people, has still not been described as a terrorist act. despite widespread suspicions of a bomb in the aircraft's cargo hold. Less than a lifth of the wreckage of the jumo jet has been retrieved from the sea, but some of it has been in remarkably good condition Glass instruments and dials rom the cockpit were found intact, as was a light bulb from the staircase beside the first class cabin, underneath which a bomb may well have The bodies of 195 victims

have been recovered. It is possible that the remaining 25 fell or were sucked out of the plane before it hit the water. Suitcases from the flight have been found six miles from the site of the main wreckage, and police divers were yesterday searching further afield for the missing bodies.

The judges at Nuremberg believed his story. But did he convince himself? And could he convince Gitta Sereny?

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# Muslims ready to kill more drug dealers in Cape

By Inigo Gilmore in Johannesburg and Our Foreign Staff

AMID fears of an upsurge in gang warfare, armed Mus-lims paraded through Cape Town yesterday in a show of force, warning drug dealers to stop their trade or risk being killed like a gang leader who was shot and burnt at the weekend.

Chanting "Allahu akbar" (God is greatest) and "Kill the merchants", supporters of the militant movement People Against Gangsterism and Drugs (Pagad), many with faces covered and carrying weapons, marched to the home of an alleged drug dealer in a Coloured (mixed race) suburb of the city. From Sunday onwards, we are going to march on the house of merchants and we are going to take them out," a young man, face wrapped in a red shawl and carrying a shotgun, shouted through a loud hailer.

They marched to the home of an alleged drug dealer in the Silvertown district. There -watched by police officers in six armoured riot-control vehicles and a fleet of smaller lorries, and with a helicopter hovering overhead shining a spotlight on the crowd - they lay down in the road shouting death threats to drug dealers.

Most of the crowd, which included a handful of women, kept their faces covered and nearly all the men carried weapons ranging from an ancient chrome-plated revolver to repeating shotguns and at least one automatic rifle.

Cape Town's Muslim districts have been living in fear

Northern Province has laid

world-famous Kruger Nat-

ional Park in a submission

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The claim, expected to be

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about 123,500 acres and is one

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since threats of reprisals by the gang is at war with the the Hard Livings gang to avenge the mob killing on Sunday of Rashaad Staggie, co-leader of the city's most feared gang. He was set alight with a petrol bomb and died in a hail of bullets in the full view

doing. We are not vigilantes." of the police. His twin brother said one man who was called has announced that as a result South Africa rejected allegations that his country was assisting Pagad. But a Muslim theologian at yesterday's march said that the vigilantes included Islamic fighters trained in Libya, Muslims were receiving military training at a secret camp near Cape Town to fight what they saw as moral corruption permeating society, a visitor to the camo said vesterday. Cape Town." Fuad Rahman, a Muslim journalist who has visited the camp and sym-

claimed by the Makuleke

tribe comprises of the entire

park between the Limpopo,

Levuvhu and Mutale rivers.

forcibly removed from the

land during the 1950s and

1960s. It is one of a number of

expected claims on land in

the Kruger Park which was

established under British co-

lonial rule. It has been

described by the Land Affairs

Minister as "a playground

for the white rich".

Members of the tribe were

pathises with its aims, said in a telephone interview. Government officials said they had no knowledge of the camp, but Sydney Mufamadi. the Police Minister, said last week that the Government proposed to introduce legislation barring paramilitary training for any political or

There is one training camp

. about 12 miles outside

The guys are fearless," Mr Rahman said. "They are prepared to die for a cause. They have fighting in their blood."

The Cape Town police are under pressure to make arrests after the killing of Staggie amid concerns that they may be seen to be condoning the murder. Mr Mufamadi visited Cape Town yesterday to investigate the failure of the police to prevent the murder on Sunday.

Staggie, 40, was shot near his brother's home during a Pagad march against drugs, prostitution and gangs. As paramedics tried to tend him. he was set alight with a firebomb and left to run engulfed in flames through the crowd, whose members made way for him and threatened police officers who tried to go to his aid. When he fell in a gutter, men took turns firing bullets into him until he died.



Thulamela was a walled citadel and the king's chamber had a secret entrance leading past a garrison of his personal bodyguards

# African finds cast light on lost society

By INIGO GILMORE

ARCHAEOLOGISTS in South Africa have discovered the remains of an African king and queen in a walled citadel which they believe is linked to the mysterious ruins of Great Zimbabwe to the

The find sheds important light on the social and cultural organisations of the region's early inhabitants and provides new evidence about a sophisticated society in southern Africa when Henry VIII ruled Britain.

The couple were found a month ago at Thulamela in the Kruger National Park. They lived and died between 1500 and 1600 - their society existing more than a century before Jan van Riebeeck landed in Cape Town in 1652.

Sydney Miller, a National Parks board archaeologist, found the queen's grave when he uncovered the clay floor of what he knew was a senior wife's dwelling. Later he found the "Leopard King" below his chamber's floor.

The discovery is seen as particularly significant because it was carried out by professionals unlike earlier "finds" at the turn of the



Sydney Miller, left, at the king's grave

century. Archaeologists have been able to discover the context of the burials and, therefore, enhance knowledge about a period of intense interest to historians.

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The discovery in the graves of gold -- believed to be the society's main currency - the burial positions and the burial locations all make the finds extremely important. Two gold bracelets, one of solid gold, the other made up of a double string of gold beads, were found in the queen's grave. Both the queen's hands

were tucked under her cheek in a position of great respect, known as losha.

The king's body was in a sitting position facing north with various ceremonial objects around him, including an iron double gong that is characteristic of

Other artefacts at the site show the society's wealth and include glass beads from India, Ming Dynasty porcelain and shell beads made from fesh water mussels and ostrich eggs. Some beads and

bracelets were made from iron, copper and bronze. There are indications from the remains that the inhabitant's diet was healthy.

Thulamela - the place of giving birth - is near the Zimbabwean border in bushveld at the park's northeastem corner.

Excavations began in 1993 and archaeologists believe it was inhabited by a highly sophisticated society of people who were skilled goldsmiths and traded with countries such as India and China. Nearby hillsides are dotted with collapsed walls and evidence of dwellings. The cita-

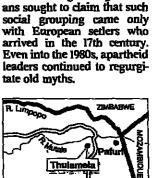
del overlooks an ancient elephant highway, once used by traders, running east-west from the Indian Ocean. Dr Miller said that after its heyday, in the 15th and 16th

centuries, Great Zimbabwe probably broke up into smaller parts with one group settling in Thulamela. It is thought the king was a sacred leader rarely seen in

public and he was closely

associated with the crocodile,

a symbolic link to a belief that the first man emerged from a sacred pool. Professor Thomas Huffmann, head of archaeology at



the University of the Witwa

tersrand, says uncovering the royal burial sites has helped

to shed light on mysteries

surrounding such sacred soci-

eties and confounded earlier

theories that leaders of such

societies were buried on hill-

sides. "It is a spectacular

discovery," he said. "It will

the way people see the pre-

the existence of pre-colonial

complex societies was ignored

by those who compiled school

textbooks. Right-wing histori-

During the apartheid years

help

colonial period."

# Aidid clan mourn and wait

AT THE sound of an ap-proaching vehicle on south Mogadishu's silent streets militia men snoozing in the shade of battle wagons leap behind their heavy machineguns. With hard stares they train weapons on a car carrying a white man. In every soldier's mind is one question: "Is this the gal [unbeliever] who killed our general?"

The followers of General Muhammad Aidid cannot believe that the man they saw as invincible could have died. as he did last week, after an ordinary battlefield exchange. Members of his Habre Gedir clan fought with him against Siad Barre, whom they drove from power in 1991. They rallied to him when he took on his rival for power. Ali Mahdi Mohammed, in a series of military squabbles. And they rejoiced at his Scarlet Pimpernel evasion of a 25,000-man American and United Nations air and land dragnet in 1993.

To have been shot twice in a battle over the Medina suburb in the south of the ruined

York next month. Delhi insists

on the five declared nuclear

powers agreeing to a timetable



The Somali warlord gave his supporters a sense of mission. Sam Kiley writes from Mogadishu. Now they hope his spirit will live on in his son

lingering death ending in a heart attack, was unthinkable. He was killed by the agents of foreign powers. The CIA or some organisation hired a trained assassin to take revenge for the humiliation of the Americans in 1993," said an official in the dead general's "government".

Westerners were treated with extreme suspicion or outright hosility in south Mogadishu yesterday. One yelled: "You're crazy to be here. You could be lynched." It may seem strange, then,

that the new "president" of (some) of southern Somalia is an American. In what appears an act of mass denial over the reality of the general's death. his followers have appointed

**US-China deal leaves India** 

out in cold on nuclear treaty

capital, and then to die of a his son, a former US Marine and engineer from Los Angeles, as his successor, clearly hoping the general's spirit, and policies, will live on Hussein Aidid, 33, has vowed that this is exactly what his "government" will do. Using father's rhetoric he pledged this week to continue with the "pacification" of So-malia — that is fighting any

> his government. Ali Mahdi, another Somali who claims to be "president" but controls only north Mogadishu (about the land area of Chelsea) offered a ceasefire after the general's death. Yes-terday it held, but very little traffic crossed Mogadishu's green line through the sand-blown back streets lined by

clan that does not recognise

buildings that looked like a Swiss cheese gnawed by rats. Always the most dangerously anarchic part of Somalia, south Mogadishu seemed to have had its breath knocked

out. The everyday clatter of gun fire, the gutteral yelling of Somalis "chatting" over tea, and shrill children playing in rubble, were gone. The destiny of the general's supporters had always been defined by his overwhelming ambition to be president of the whole country. Yesterday Mogadishu was waiting to see if his heir would offer the same

sense of mission. Or at least

inspire his people to keep doing the only thing they know, fighting. Hussein Aidid, who is popular among militiamen im-pressed by his marine background and battlefield bravery, has assured them he also wants to be president of all the country. However, dur-ing the week of mourning. which ends tomorrow, there is

a hiatus in Mogadishu.



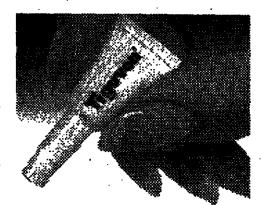
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can Republic, which recognises Taipei, according to American press reports. A Chinese Foreign Ministry

By James Pringle IN HONG KONG

China and

US face

fresh rift

CHINA warned the United States yesterday against allowing Lien Chan, Taiwan's

Vice President, to visit the country. But Washington seems intent on ignoring the biections. The issue could indicate more trouble for Sino-American relations after stormy

exchanges last year and earlier this year. Lien will be permitted to stay in the United States for one or two days next week, on his way to the presidential inauguration in the Domini-

spokesman said yesterday that Peking had made known its opposition to the trip. However, analysts said that in an election year, the Clinton Administration could not be seen to give in to China.



By Michael Evans, defence correspondent can breakthrough came dur-CHINA has agreed to sign the ing a meeting between Sha Zukang, the Chinese envoy to Comprehensive Test Ban Treaty after resolving a disthe United Nations Conferagreement with the United ence on Disarmament in States over on-site inspections of Chinese nuclear facilities. Geneva, and Stephen Ledogard, his US counterpart. India remains the sole stum-China has expressed conbling block in the way of a signing ceremony in New

cern about the proposed inspection regime, which will allow checks of nuclear establishments to guard against cheating. Diplomatic sources in Geneva said that, under previous proposals, 26 countries of the treaty's 51-member executive council would have had to give prior approval to

an on-site inspection. Now the draft treaty will be changed, making it necessary for 30 countries to approve. The diplomatic sources agreed that that was a slight softening of the inspection procedure and that it would make it marginally more difficult to

get an inspection approved. China was also concerned about America using spy satel-

lites to monitor Chinese nuclear facilities. Before the talks in Geneva resumed, China had said that it would never sign an "unequal treaty giving one very advanced country" -- America -- exclusive power to launch nuclear inspections

A member of the Chinese negotiating team said last month: "We cannot allow a few countries to be self-proclaimed international police and we can never accept this." The agreement reached with the Chinese is understood to include assurances from Washington about the kinds of national surveillance methods that can be used as a basis for

The breakthrough with the Chinese has focused all efforts on persuading India to agree to let the draft treaty be sent to New York for signature, India, however, appears to be adamantly opposed to any

Far-reaching

effects of stress

AFTER the Second World War it was found that former prisoners held in the Far East were dying earlier from a wide variety of causes, not only

from those diseases which would immediately be associ-

ated with malnutrition and

Recent surveys have shown a similar picture in people

who have moved from East to

West Germany, from communism to capitalism. Whether-

the cause is the life-style they endured during the Cold War, or whether it is from the stress

which a competitive society induces, is uncertain.

The role of stress as a cause

of coronary heart disease and its effect on blood pressure is unquestioned. Stress too can-

be shown to influence gastrointestinal problems, and the

skin. It is more difficult to prove that physical or mental

stress can be a factor in

developing malignant disease

or falling prey to an infection.

But recently there has been

very convincing evidence that stress, including strenuous

athletic training, weakens the

immune system. With a com-

promised immune system, pa-

tients could well be liable to

become victims of an infecting

organism, or less resistant to

potentially cancerous changes

Constant stress, such as experienced by someone living

in a hostile environment, can

lead to mental as well as

physical symptoms. People be-

come anxious, fearful and

depressed; their performance

deteriorates and their liability

to accidents, as well as to

disease, increases. Many of

these patients respond by

eating or drinking too much; neither habit is likely to im-

are carrying out the neces-sary tests to exclude this,

they also have to remember

that excessive concern, and

over-enthusiasm for labora-

tory and X-ray investiga-

Although depression fre-

quently results in physical

symptoms, so too can many

psychiatric diseases, includ-

ing anxiety states, person-

ality disorders, and even

schizophrenia and its related

tions, may make

situation worse.

in the body's cells.

incarceration.

# Ghost of the missing twin

multiple births, psychiatric disorders. stress, Alzheimer's

n a memorable interview, Enoch Powell described his sense of guilt and sorrow that he returned from the war while so many of his contemporaries were killed. How much more disturbing for a surviving twin or sister in the enclosed world of the womb, only for the sibling to die in the last weeks of pregnancy, during delivery or later in the nursery.

Surviving twins start life with a sometimes unendurable sense of guilt, for they blame themselves for their sibling's death and subconsciously, or even consciously. 'Surviving

suspect that their parents also see twins feel them as murderers who have killed the that their other baby by taking more than their parents see fair share of the nutrition, or of the them as available space, in the uterus. murderers'

Surprisingly, the

emotional and psychological problems felt by the surviving twin. however bizarre, about their which are often expressed as depression and sometimes as behavioural disorders, are more intense if the child has no recollection of the death of the other twin. Sometimes surviving twins also have a sense of insecurity, for they reason that if the parents couldn't keep their brother or sister alive, are they likely to

do any better with them? Coupled with the feeling that he or she is guilty, the twin who lives may also sense that they have been deserted by the dead sibling, who has left them with an immense obligation to make it up to the narents for the family loss. Thereafter they believe that they have to do better, and be better, because of the death -

Dr Thomas Stuttaford on and asthma

emotions which can put a great burden on shoulders which are not always strong enough to carry them.

In a report in the journal Advances In Perinatal Medicine, the author describes the state of being a twin of a stillborn baby as a psychological catastrophe. This may be an overstatement, but several research projects have demonstrated that these children have an increased chance of suffering from depression in

The advice given to parents in the authoritative work on twins. Multiple

Pregnancy, suggests that a surviving twin should be told about the dead baby from the start. Parents, other members of the family and teachers should not only talk about the lost twin, but should show that they are ready to listen to a confused young

child's delusions, supposedly murderous foetal life, and should be prepared to provide the necessary reass-

Not all women are equally liable to have twins. In the Western world, twins are conceived more often when the sun is shining, for the sun is thought to influence ovulation through its effect on the pineal gland. Certainly there is a slight increase in the number of twins conceived during the summer months. The rate of twin pregnancies varies throughout the world — in some parts of West Africa it is four times greater than it is in Britain, which has a rate of

12.4 per thousand. Older

women have more twins than

vounger ones: many a woman



in her late thirties has been surprised not only to be preg-nant, but to be pregnant with twins. Larger, taller women have twins more often than do those who are short and petite, and there is a strong familial tendency to produce twins.

When twins run in a family. the babies are usually not identical and it seems that inheritance comes down the mother's side. There is also a very slight familial tendency to have identical twins, in which case either parent may transmit the appropriate genes.
It is difficult to be certain

how many twins are actually conceived as opposed to being born, as twins are very vulnerable in the early days of a pregnancy. Many die during the first stages of development.

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Since the use of ultrasound has become standard, it is apparent that twins are conceived much more often than was hitherto supposed. It now seems likely that at least 3 per cent of all pregnancies start as twins but that, in nearly a quarter of cases, one twin

disappears. The loss of a twin at this very early stage of pregnancy does not have the same longterm psychological implications for the surviving twin as it would do if the death occurred later. The mother, too, is probably unaware that the second foetus ever existed.

Multiple Pregnancy, edited by Humphry Ward and Martin Whittle, is published by the Royal College of Obstetricians and

# TV encounter highlights the link between physical and psychiatric disorders

Esther Rantzen and her cohorts from the ME Association on BBC television on Monday evening has had at least one advantage. It has drawn attention to the complex inter-relationship between psychiatric disorders and physical symptoms. Physical disease is all too easily confused with psychological disorder; excessive fatigue can be caused by many organic, diseases, ranging, from rarities such as Addison's disease to common

conditions like thyroid dysfunction and anaemia. Or be the first sign of a growing tumour, or even diabetes. Brain tumours or dementia will often first show as a personality change in the

It is as important for doctors to spot the development of psychiatric troubles in a patient who is initially seen for the treatment of an established physical disor-der, as it is to defeat the physical symptoms which result from psychiatric dis-

It is stressful being ill, or having any medical probiem, particularly when associated with disability or surgery. It is bound to have an effect on a patient's social and professional life, and may produce difficulties which can be so worrying that they lead to psychiatric symptoms which need expert help. In many cases seen by doctors, both a patient's body and mind need care if they are to return to good health, and neither one is more important than the other.

The greatest difficulty is often in making a diagnosis of which a patient is complaining have resulted from

# When it's all in the mind

psychological disorder. The problem isn't made any easier by the similarity of the symptoms which affect so many psychologically disturbed patients. These people tend to complain of dizziness, headaches, chest pain, diarrhoea or constipation, bladder troubles, muscle pains, inordinate fatigue,

and palpitations. But however strong is the suspicion that there is no organic cause, the doctor in each and every case has to make certain that there is no physical reason for the trouble. Any of these symptoms could herald a serious dis-

ease. But even while doctors

conditions. fatigue syn-Chronic drome, which many doctors think a more accurate term than ME, can be induced, as psychiatric troubles, by viral linesses. But the proof that they are responsible for the persistent disability associated with the syndrome has never been found. The standard advice given to patients with chronic fatigue syndrome which is a very genuine illness, is that as some sufferers will improve with anti-depressant treatment, this should be prescribed.

ll the patients should be encouraged to take physical exercise, for there is well documented evidence that it is important to persuade patients to avoid permanent bed rest or to

rely on wheelchairs. In discussing the physical symptoms which are often seen in psychiatric disease it is of fundamental importance to explain to patients that there is no question that these are the result of malin-gering. Malingering is a deliberate effort to confuse the doctor so that a diagnosis of disease is made when none is present. The physical symptoms which afflict psychologically disordered patients are very real and can be totally disabling.



A televised debate with Esther Rantzen had one advantage

HATS are now rarely worn but in the days of National Service it was interesting to see the very variable sizes of all the many service dress caps left in the hall of an officer's mess, and to try to relate them to their owners' intellectual

capacity.

Despite a widespread belief that a large head is associated with a high IQ (in cartoons, no professor is ever depicted with a small head), there is no evidence for this. The eleverest officer in the regiment may well be a pin-head.

Research recently published in the British Journal of Psychiatry has shown that there is, however, one link between

### Big heads and the Alzheimer's link

head size and intellect: the larger the head, the less likely is the person to suffer from Alzheimer's disease in old age. Although Alzheimer's is an organic disease with well described changes

visible under the microscope, and although in some types of it, particularly those which tend to come on in late middle age or early old age, there is a strong family history, in other cases there are factors which seem to influence the age of onset. In cases without a clear family history Alzheimer's seems to

become obvious in previously intelligent people at an older age than it does in those whose interests have been less intellectual, and who have not maintained an active, inquiring mind. Doing The Times crossword puzzle each morning may help to delay the onset of dementia even if it

cannot prevent it altogether.

The BMJ, commenting on the study, suggests that big heads contain large brains which may have a greater reserve canacity and way. capacity and so are more able to cope with the loss of hrain tissue in later life. As nutrition in and around the time of birth is a factor in determining head size, the BIP also wonders whether good feeding at that time might not influence the onset of dementia 60, 70, or 80 years later.

# Re-learning an asthma lesson

SO MUCH research is undertaken that too often the discoveries of one's youth are forgotten, only to be relearnt by a new generation. A report in the International Journal of Epidemiology has recently confirmed that people with severe asthma have more heart attacks than do the rest of the population. Although asthma in the

survey was associated with

death from coronary heart disease in both sexes, the increased risk was particularly marked in women. The authors suggest that one of the possible causes is the use of steroid tablets to treat some cases of asthma. This is an unlikely proposition, as the

late Dr Geoffrey Konstam, a cardiologist, . taught me about the association between asthma and coronary thrombosis. And at the time, steroids were neither readily available nor prescribed to control a severe attack of asthma.

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# Lotte Hughes on a scheme to protect the children of Calcutta's prostitutes from poverty and sexual abuse

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even-year-old Chaya is a wide-eyed new arrival at Sealdah North Station, home to scores of drifters in the pulsating heart of Calcunta. All she owns is a pair of grubby pink pants and a pink lipstick she says she found on the street. While we chat, she daubs her lips and my face and hands.
Though she looks all alone in the world.

Chaya has a family — of sorts. Daddy drinks a lot, she says, and doesn't look after them. Her mother is a prostitute who works the station. The pair of them live on platform eight.

Chaya may not have been sexually exploited — yet. But she is a prime candidate, tiny, pretty, defenceless, unsu-pervised. Children of prostitutes are particularly vulnerable to sexual abuse and being drawn into their mother's trade. "I don't like it here on the station." she says, shaking her head vigorously. She says, shaking her head vigorously. Why not? Do girls have a tough time? "Yes, many girls get abused," she says. Their abusers are both men and boys who live on the station.

Chaya may have struck lucky. She has turned up at a 24-hour drop-in centre for so-called "platform children" run by CINI ASHA, a sister organisation of the Child In Need Institute. It is no more than a shed, but it offers children a safe place to sleep, wash, eat, play and get informal lessons and health care. The social workers say they hope to see more of Chaya; she needs support and protection.

In another part of Calcutta, girls like Chaya are safer. In the Rambagan red-light area, CINI ASHA is working with prostitutes and community leaders to give vulnerable children a haven. At first sight, it looks anything but. Visiting Rambagan is like stepping into a Dickensian slum.

One of its darkened alleyways ends in a cul-de-sac filled with blinding light. In a shrine, behind an iron grille, sits an Indian goddess on a golden ass. Garlands and coins are strewn at her feet. She irradiates the faces of the glum, painted women sitting on their doorsteps before

The golden girl is Shitala (pronounced Sitala), goddess of infectious diseases. She has been adopted by the 1,200 prostitutes of Rambagan slum. The women believe she is the only one who will listen, so they pray to her and air their feelings," explains community worker Arun Singh. It is a pitiful sight, and an odd one: the goddess rubs shoulders with the hammer and sickle, daubed on the brothel walls in this corner of a Marxist-run city.

These prostitutes are rarely listened to by anyone. Seen as the lowest of the low, they are looked down on even by the girls of Calcutta's traditional red-light district near by. They are not from traditional prostitute families, tend not to have patrons, madams or pimps, and are mostly rural migrants who have been forced into the sex trade by poverty and

Not one of these women says she would be a prostitute if she had a choice. Now they are making sure their children get a chance to break out of the cycle.

he solution is very simple — a sort of children's curfew, which takes them off the street at night but also away from home. Every evening, when most children head home from school, the children of Rambagan go in the opposite direction to a special centre where they are safe from the surrounding influences, if only for a few hours. They can do their homework without fear of interruption by mother's "punters", get extra coaching and enjoy a wide range of games, arts and crafts and other activities. Studies show that children of "sex

workers" and others living in red-light areas are most at risk of sexual exploitation and enticement into the sex trade; the prostitutes of Rambagan are the first to say they don't want this to happen. Sending their children to this drop-in centre between the hours of 6pm and 10pm is a safety measure that could save

We have problems in the evening when the customers come - there is no place for the children to go," explains Purnima, a prostitute and mother of two. 'So what used to happen was that our children roamed around in gangs and there were no facilities for them. We have no other way of earning a living. We have



Seven-year-old Chaya may not have been sexually exploited yet, but she is a prime candidate, tiny, pretty, defenceless. "Many girls get abused," she says

# Can this child escape from pimps and perverts?

Like everyone here, Purnima works and lives in one small room of a tenement. Families are packed in so tightly, as many as II people to a room, that some children even have to sleep under their mother's bed. Beside the space problems, if children stay home in the evenings they run the risk of becoming easy prey for customers. Men's eyes soon wander to nubile daughters - pre-pubescent virgins are highly prized, not least because men are afraid of catching Aids and other



The red-light district of Rambagan

prepared to pay over the odds to sleep with children. Studies show that fear of Aids has led to increasing exploitation of girls, not just in India but worldwide. So pretty girls are asked to sing and

dance for men's entertainment. Boys get drawn into fetching cigarettes and alcohol. It's a short step to prostitution and pimping.
CINI opened the drop-in centres and a halfway house to give street children a

place of safety, informal education and other practical help. But its social workers soon realised that other children were at high risk, too. With a local youth club, it opened the Rambagan centre to protect the children of prostitutes. The women were wary at first. To begin with I was hesitant," says

Purnima, whose son Samir and daughter Soma attend the centre. "We were confused and suspicious. We wondered, What's going on? Why are they taking an interest in our children? But we soon realised that they were doing something for the betterment of our children. If they get educated, they won't follow in our

footsteps."

"They are looking after my child very well," says another prostitute, Laxmi, of her youngest daughter. "Now I don't have to worry about her. When I'm busy with my customers, my daughter goes to the centre for coaching."

If this after school safety net did not exist, she says, children playing in the street would be targeted by roving men: "When we are dealing with our customers, other men - outsiders - can

sexually transmitted diseases and are easily sexually abuse our children." Laxmi says she wants to prevent her younger daughter going down the same road; it's already too late for her elder daughter. "I'm very anxious about my first daughter — she's recently had no choice but to follow in my footsteps."

A reluctant prostitute, Laxmi is clearly upset about her daughter's prospects. Coming from this sort of background, people easily reject us. It's also very difficult to get our daughters married. But we have no choice but to do this work." Hers is a classic tale of a poor village

woman, an economic migrant to the city. It began with a bad marriage to a husband who beat her and died young, leaving her at the mercy of hostile in-laws, angered by her small dowry. "They started calling me a thief and a cheat but I was blameless; it was very tough for me to cope with the situation. Then I met a guy who told me if I came with him to the city, he'd arrange a good job for me. So I came with this guy to Calcutta."

She soon realised her mistake, but there was no going back - even if she knew the

anguished. "I had no idea how to get back to my place so I had to accept the situation. I got angry, but when the money started coming into my hand I realised this was the only way to survive. I also had my first daughter to think of - I had to survive for my daughter's sake."

Other case histories of children at the centre tell a similar sorry story. Almost all their mothers came to Calcutta from poor

rural areas in West Bengal.

Amit's mother, Kakoli, was married at 14 to a chronic alcoholic who beat her and forced her to become a prostitute to pay for his habit. When an old woman in her village promised her a job in Calcutta, Kakoli followed her to town where she was sold to one of the old woman's brothers and forced back on the game brothers and forced back on the game.

utapa's mother. Gopa, was the oldest of seven children of a poor peasant. At 13 she married a man 20 years older. After a short time to move to Calcutta to try her luck. After working as a maid for three years, the burden of supporting her large family pushed her into prostitution at 18.

A recent study by CINI of the links between child sexual abuse and "commercial vice" in Calcutta, funded by Britain's Save the Children, found that education is highly prized by parents in Rambagan and another red-light area, Sethbagan. Of the six areas surveyed altogether, these two came top in terms of parental eagerness to educate both boys and girls. high primary school attendance and low drop-out rates. If education is the path out of poverty, these women are on track.

Laxmi and her friend Parul have been trained as safe-sex educators under a government approved scheme. "If I'd had these sorts of opportunities earlier," says Laxmi, "I could have done something else for a living. I'd like to give up my job and be a health worker."

Parul agrees. But safe-sex educators are paid just 300 rupees a month, which barely covers the rent on a one-roomed shack. To feed a family of three with simple meals for a month costs 1,400 rupees; Parul can earn 3,000 rupees a month as a prostitute.

Down at the drop-in centre, a big whitewashed building overlooking a park, shy teenage girls in lacy dresses — the daughters of Rambagan - tell me why they like coming here. I used to have problems, especially in the evenings," says Sima, 14. "It was difficult for me to find a place to study, I had to spend all my time outside in the street. This community is not at all safe for children of my age, especially for girls."

Her friend Meeta, 18, says: "Before I

started coming here four years ago. I had to spend my evenings on the street. I had nowhere else to go after school and none of my friends would allow me to go to their house for dinner."

Cast out, she felt vulnerable and alone. "I was very afraid. I'm most scared of the drunken guys who are roaming around. I feel quite safe in the centre. I'd like to stay here for the whole night - I don't want to

go home.

"All the teachers are very affectionate."

"All the teachers are very affectionate to do now. and take care of us. What I want to do now is continue my studies and take care of my way. Even now, years later, she looks mother so she doesn't have to work.

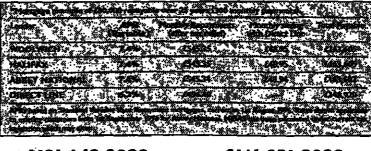
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# We must do lunch, darling

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Yesterday we hunchers might have been called shirkers. Today we have become selfless employees who think only of doing what's in our bosses best interest. A survey, commissioned by

Boots the chemist, has found that Stakhanovites who eat lunch at their desks are often left feeling angry, depressed and tetchy during the afternoon. They are also irritable when dealing with customers: this ranks as acceptable behaviour only if your job happens to involve working in one of those shady places in Soho where customers pay big money to be abused.

It turns out that four out of five office-based workers regularly eat lunch at their desk. More than 70 per cent of them



Joe Joseph heaps his plate full of very good reasons to get out of the office as the clock strikes one

continue to work as they chew, and nearly 90 per cent still answer work-related questions from colleagues - pre-sumably more than whether Anne is still sleeping with Martin from Personnel. The side-effects of this office anger and irritability are

costing companies Lunch is E32 million a year. because tasks are carried out so inefimportant ficiently that they often have to be for mental done again. It is astonishing fresh air that anyone needed a survey to discovand office

er all this. Long, relaxed lunches, gossip far away from work, are an important method of putting clear water between you and the office. This is crucial if you want to get a bit of mental fresh air and to

swap office gossip without the risk of being overheard. You need only look at the Italians, who eat lunch as if it were the last meal of a condemned man, to see the benefits. Visit Rome at lunchtime and you'll find that Italians have worked out the priorities in life, such as knowing how much to bribe the maitre d' of a popular

restaurant.

In other countries, lunch is more than just a chance to stock up on calories. In places such as Norway and Iceland, for example, where whole months can pass in permanent

daylight or permanent dark-

ness, a well-demarcated lunch

break is often the only way of being really sure that you halfway through the day. Meeting office or industry colleagues for lunch is also in all our commercial interests, since it promotes the cross-

fertilisation of ideas, In the heyday of Fleet Street, El Vino would bristle with eager journalists so determined to crossfertilise their ideas with colleagues and newspaper rivals that many of them would selflessly extend their lunches

The publisher's lunch was also once both an English landmark and a financial godsend for the book business. Once a year, half-starved writers would emerge from their garrets to be liquid-lunched becoming so light-headed that by 4pm their editors could persuade them to sign a threebook deal for a sum that

well into the cocktail hour.

would barely keep them in tea-

bags for a year. But in 1990s England we have turned into such grim practitioners of siesta-inducing lunches that our unique contribution to international culinary vocabulary is now the "all-day breakfast". And we have become such chat-free slaves to electronic messaging that even when we escape for lunch in a proper restaurant we find ourselves trying to email our order to the kitchen.

Still, if there is one thing grimmer than stinting on a restaurant lunch by eating at your desk, it is making the effort to eat out and then feeling so guilty that you order something healthy and dispiriting, such as steamed tofu. But anyone who seriously

believes there are dozens of exciting ways with tofu would do well to remember that even Einstein only managed a handful of great theories in his life. And guess what slapping a piece of Canadian cheddar inside two slices of Hovis wasn't one of them.

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# A blind eye from Nelson Mandela

The ANC 'miracle' is reaching very

few, writes Philip Powell

isiting Britain shortly after President Mandela's successful visit, I was soon made aware that after a period of indifference, he had achieved only a momentary rekindling of interest in the affairs of South Africa. How quickly things have re-

turned to what they were! After the relative success of South Africa's first democratic election in 1994, apartheid was successfully relegated to the rubbish heap of history along with the easily understood morality play of black/white conflict. South Africa is no longer centre stage in world politics. The convolutions of its post-apartheid problems defy easy categorisation. With the exception of a brief mention of the sacking of the outspoken ANC Deputy Minister, Bantu Holomisa, and successes in the Atlanta Olympics. South Africa has not been making the news.

It has long been a reality of African politics that conflict and even genocide is largely ignored when committed by Africans against Africans. What made South Africa so different in the past, and galled popular sentiment, was that a white minority of European origin was perpetuating the hor-

State repression in the KwaZulu-Natal province of South Africa by an ANC-led government against its black political rivals - with its human rights abuses, torture and assassination — is often every bit as brutal as the excesses of the old

regime. But 22 unarmed people shot by the South African Police Services in the KwaZulu township of Wembezi did not make news in Britain. Political commentators chose to ignore the danger signs coming from Mandela's recent visit,

and preferred to popularise a romantic notion of South Africa as one of Africa's success stories, the "rainbow nation" of Bishop Desmond Tutu led by a magnanimous and benign senior statesman. In reality, it is a country in continuing

There is a desperate impulse on the part of many in this country finally to close the chapter of cathartic, cleansing celebration, rather than to reflect reality.

The magnanimity of the ANC extends only to its former white adversaries, which is perhaps what makes it so popular in Britain. The ANC's ability to work closely with the National Party and publicly to eulogise the ultra-right Freedom Front leader General Constand Viljoen contrasts strongly with the treatment accorded the predominantly black inkatha Freedom Party, led by Chief Buthelezi. The killing of Inkatha members and assassinations of its leaders have continued unabated since the election of an ANC government. To date some 428 Inkatha officebearers have been murdered, but official enthusiasm in the investigations has cooled significantly since the ANC took control of the South African Police. To date only some 3 per cent of these murders have led

to prosecutions. The criminal slaughter of Zulus during a march in central Johannesburg on the eve of the 1994 election, the Shell House massacre, was compounded when President Mandela publicly took responsibility for having given the orders to the ANC's security department to gun down the marches. I sat in the benches of the Senate opposite him on the day he made this startling confession, knowing that there was little or no chance of the killers ever

being brought to book once he had assumed liability.

And yet the ANC has mounted a

masterful public relations exercise. The South African "miracle" is part of it. It is a "miracle" that has not reached those who need homes, employment, health care and education. Nor has it reached those struggling to sustain small enter-prises, which are crippled by exorbitant taxation and regulation. There has been no miracle either in the struggle of those who are trying to protect their cultural and social identity, including their religious practices and traditions.

The "miracle" has been a blessing for those privileged few who have linked themselves into the system of distribution of the ruling party's political clientele. During the past year we have witnessed the consolidation of a new system of power, centred around a small political and trade union aristoc-racy. The ANC's bid to control all aspects of social, cultural and economic life is fuelled not so much by ideology as by a desire to create a network of patronage. The ANC believes the suffering of antiapartheid activists has given them a licence to emerge as Africa's newest "kleptocracy", following in the tradition of their former Nat-

ional Party adversaries. By this process, a clear divide has been formed which separates those who are benefiting from the great majority, who are suffering to keep the ANC and its allies, the Commu-

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nist Party and the trade unions in power. ANC policies in the labour field are symptomatic of how it is ruling South Africa, and for whose benefit. The Labour Relations Act - railroaded through the new Parliament in the face of united opposition has empowered a small

trade union aristocracy, which does not represent the majority of workers. The closed shop has been resurrected. South Africa's labour legislation operates as a non-tariff trade barrier against foreign invest-ment by the subsidiaries of foreign corporations, and makes a mockery of efforts to encourage inward

outh Africa's re-emergence into the family of nations has starkly indicated the ANC's political values. President Mandela has lavished praise on Sinn Fein's Gerry Adams, Libya's Gaddafi and Cuba's Castro. The ANC, sadly, feels it has debts to pay to its former revolutionary allies, which fail to show the mature and balanced leadership among developing countries that the world community now expects,

What is needed for the interests of ordinary South Africans to prevail is a more hard-headed, honest approach, which applies the same standards of moral, economic and ethical standards to the new Government in Pretoria as it applied to the old regime. Investment, aid and participation need to be tied to the Government's willingness to clean up its act, to get rid of its murderous friends from the past, and to honour its agreements. Human rights abuse should meet the same international condemnation whether it is the murder of Biko, the shooting at Sharpeville or the more recent Shell House massacre. If the international community fails to come to terms with the fallibility of the ANC and its leadership. South Africans will continue to suffer.

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# Niall Ferguson argues that direct action is futile self-indulgence

e British regard land reclamation as virtuous

— think of all those Victorians draining fens and markher Street malacration have Two wheels good, marshes. Street reclamation, however, is another matter.

Yesterday a group calling itself "Reclaim the Streets" managed to make London's already dire traffic problems even worse, which is no mean feat. As if yet another one-day Tube strike were not enough, commuters had to contend with hordes of militant cyclists doing their best to block a number of major routes.

Their ostensible purpose was to protest against the tyranny of the internal combustion engine. Having seen such demonstrations before, not only in London but also in Berlin, I can assure you that this is not their real purpose. Their real purpose is fun.

Yes, I know that seems implausible. But to a certain type of person—the type precisely identified by George Orwell as the crank—cycling slowly along a hugely busy road at rush-hour is an intensely pleasurable thing to do. Similar people derive equal delight from disrupting fox hunts and preventing the construction of by-passes. And their idea of sheer heaven is to break into a hangar and smash up a couple of jet fighters.

In years to come, I have no doubt that solemn bearded types will write social histories of Britain four wheels bad

in the 1980s and 1990s in which such forms of "radical protest" and "direct action" will figure prominently, just as rick-burning, Luddism, Swing riots and the suffragettes figure prominently in today's history textbooks.

The reason for this is simple: such solemn bearded types (and their solemn, spotty students) are precisely the sort of cranks who join groups like "Reclaim the Streets". And ever since 1968, they have set out to show that their hobby is a worthwhile way of carrying on. In their eyes, reclaiming the streets is part of a noble tradition of "grassroots activism"

Now as any football hooligan will confirm, it is fun to reclaim the streets. But to the crank there is something morally unsatisfactory about this. To do something purely for fun is, in the eyes of these latterday Puritans, deeply suspect. Hence the need for a cause. Admittedly, as causes go, "bicy-

cle rights" is unpromising, not to

vital ingredient which is indispensable to a good crank cause: like the Calvinism from which it derives, it divides the world into the Elect (cyclists) and the Damned (drivers). Of, if you prefer, like the Marxism from which it is also descended, it posits a class war in the sphere of transport.

I have to admit that there are times when I envy the cranks. It must be very consoling to feel that sense of self-righteousness tinged with hatred for the enemy as you pedal along. But there is a prob-lem which I am obliged to point out. It doesn't work. Such forms of protest never achieve their stated objectives, no matter what the social historians would like to believe. For in a parliamentary system there are only two ways of achieving (or preventing) legisla-tive changes, and "reclaiming the

streets" does neither. The first way is to persuade a majority of members of Parlia-

doing this is by disrupting London traffic, for there are few groups of people more likely to be incensed by such disruption than MPs unless, that is, you do it in August, when they are all in Chiantishire. in which case there are few groups less likely to give a damn.

As for voters, this is one class struggle in which the oppressed are so comprehensively outnumbered by the oppressors that protest is simply futile. Four per cent of us go to work by bike: 66 per cent by car. So the effect of yesterday's pro-test, if any, will have been not to increase the likelihood of legisla-tion being enacted to promote the use of bicycles, but to reduce it by

leaving the political majority irri-tated or indifferent. There is, however, a second way achieving your ends; and that is killing people, or indeed, being killed. Terrorism works. This is the lesson of the past 200 years. Radical minorities can achieve quite extraordinary things, if only they are prepared to resort to violence. That was always the difference between England and the Continent: while English radicals were content to reclaim the streets — at most inflicting damage on property — European radicals built barricades and started shooting. and started shooting.

Which brings us to another form of traffic disruption closer to home. Readers will need no reminding that we are in the middle of the marching season in Northern Ireland. Now superficially there is no difference between a bunch of cyclists cluttering up a street and a bunch of Orangemen doing the same. Except that behind every Orange march there lies the implicit threat of a resumption of loyalist violence. If the Ulstermen were only interested in "reclaiming the streets" they marched down, I doubt we would pay them the slightest attention.

The moral of all this for the cranks on cycles is clear. You need to change your tactics. Either try persuading people that cycling is a realistic mode of transport in London. Or — forgive me for sounding like an agent provocateur — start shooting motorists. Though I warn you: those little hats you wear will not be much use if we start fighting back.

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# The company of strangers

Philosophers have long believed in life elsewhere in the Universe

had not expected anything so exciting and enjoyable to hap-pen this week as the news of Mars. Nasa has published a scientific experiment which tends to demonstrate the truth of Plato's Timaeus. Plato argued that the maker of the Universe "distributed souls equal in number to the stars, inserting each in each". This creative demi-urge also thought that the Universe would be imperfect if it did not "contain every kind of animal in its spacious extent". Plato took his cosmology partly from earlier Greek philosophers, including Pythagoras. The idea that the Universe is teeming with life is at least 2.500 years old, and probably much older than that. Nasa's discovery of fossil microbes from Mars gives

This Platonic idea greatly influ-enced early-18thcentury thinking; about "the plurality of worlds"; in his Essay on Man, Alexander

unnumbered Through world though the God be known, / Tis ours to trace him only in our own." George Berkeley, the Anglo-Irish philosopher, thought that the universal life force was a "pure spirit or invisible fire ever ready to exert and show itself in its effects, cherishing, heating, fermenting, dissolving, shining, and operating in various manners, where a subject offers to employ or determine its force. It is present in all parts of the Earth and firmament". Early in our own century, the

great French philosopher Henri Bergson, an acute critic of naive Darwinism, published L'évolution créatrice, which introduced its concept of the the élan vital, a force which represents "the continuously creative nature of reality". Writing to congratulate him, his American contemporary, William James, commented: Were it not for your style, your book might last 100 years unnoticed." One cannot say that it had been unnoticed, as it influenced George Bernard Shaw among others. Yet if one compares it with the cruder and less interesting theories of Sigmund Freud. whom William James thought to be "a man obsessed with fixed ideas". L'évolution créatrice has had much

less impact than it deserves. Perhaps, nearly 100 years later, people will now realise that the élan vital exists on Mars.

These ancient theories of cosmology have great importance to human psychology, because they address the questions of the nature of man and his place in the Universe. Human beings, from earliest child-hood, are naturally interested in the questions of their own origins.

The discovery of traces of past life on Mars. if it is scientifically substantiated, takes a stage further the process of removing man from the centre of the Universe. Until about 500 years ago, man, set apart from the animals, was the lord and master of the Ptolemaic Universe, in which, although below the angels, modern support to the belief in the he was thought to be the only universality of life rational creature.

rational creature. His Earth was the centre of the Universe. He was the hero of the play in the only theatre in nican revolution showed that the Earth was not the

centre of the Universe; the development of astronomy has shown that the sun is itself a minor star in one of millions of galaxies.

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In 1859, Charles Darwin's Origin of Species demonstrated that man was essentially the same as the other animals, and had developed his intelligence and other capacities in the same way as they had developed theirs, by a process of natural selection and survival. Man was no longer the unique hero of the play. and he was not acting in the only theatre in town.

Even then, if life had only developed on one planet in the whole Universe, a hypothesis which always seemed rather unlikely, man was at least living in the only town that was known to exist. Until, late in the last century, some Eskimos were found in Greenland who had never seen other human beings. They knew there were seals and polar bears, but thought their village contained the only people on Earth. Until this week man could still reasonably believe there might be no other comparable intelligent

life in the rest of the Universe. The Mars discovery makes that absurdly unlikely. If there has been life on Mars, there will almost certainly be varied life on other planets of other stars in other galaxies, pro-



bably on millions of them. We have been separated from these other life forms only by the immense distances between the stars. There is no reason to think that man is the most advanced life form, even in his own terms of intelligence. Pope thought that we occupy a middle place in a "vast chain of being". As human nature is plainly imperfect. it is easy to imagine intellectual beings who have progressed far beymight not be good for mankind. ond the point we have yet reached. If there have been microbes on Mars, what we know of the pressure in nature to fill every passible niche suggests that there are likely to be higher organisms than

man elsewhere in the Universe. Whether it will ever be possible to contact them, whether it would be in our interest to contact them, is hard to say. They may well be too

wise to wish to contact us. The discoveries of Christopher Columbus removed the barriers which had kept the continents apart, in the same way as the distances of space have so far kept the life forms of different star systems apart. Meeting more technically advanced civilisation proved to be destructive of the native cultures and populations of America and Australia. It

No doubt mankind will continue to try to contact the other intelligent life forms which may exist in the Universe. One of our species' characteristics is that we are techno-crazy, and have little or no capacity to refrain from scientific discoveries once we see that they are possible. However, there may well be advanced life forms which could have contacted us if they had

yesterday, there was talk of an intriguing new collaboration for his next project. It is believed that ne-

star in a Second World War drama,

Neither Attenborough's camp

nor Paramount Films will com-

ment on the project, in which Sch-

warzenegger will play a German

officer who refuses to kill prisoners.

It all sounds surprisingly bloodless

for the Terminator, but right up the

street of Attenborough, who started

his directorial career with the anti-war polemic Oh What a Lovely

direction of Lord Attenborough.

decided to do so. Some people think that they have already done so, by way of UFOs or crop circles. If they have refrained, they may have thought their advanced civilisation would be damaging to our present state of barbarism. As a species, we may need the experience of childhood if we are ever to become adult. Or these advanced beings may at some point feel forced to intervene to save us from the technological self-destruction which is one of the possibilities of the next millennium.

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The Mars discovery confirms Pope's splendid intuition, which he shared with Berkeley: "See, through this air, this ocean and this earth, / All nature quick, and bursting into birth." It extends this principle of life to the "continuously creative nature of reality". It does not prove that this is, as Pope. Berkeley, Bergson, and William James believed, a spiritual force, rather than the random selective mechanism in which the neo-Darwinists believe. My own feeling is that we should know if we were machines, if only because generations of selec-tion would have made for greater uniformity. The world would be a smoother place. The extraordinary thing about nature, including huforms beyond apparent necessity.

few weeks ago, I bought a couple of William James manuscripts, a letter and a postcard which he wrote to Laurence Jacks, the editor of the Hibbert Journal, to which he contributed. The postcard, dated May 10, 1910, was written from Paris, where other letters show that James was seriously ill with heart trouble; he died only three months later. It contains one striking phrase: The irrationality and excessivity in some places with insufficiency in others which God's handiwork shows \*

Plato believed that the demi-urge which made the Universe worked on the principle that if anything could be created, it ought to be. Berkeley believed in a spirit or invisible fire with a continuous creative function throughout the universe. Bergson called that the élan vital. Christians have sometimes believed that this power was God, or that it was an attribute of God. William James, in his last months, was struck by the irregularity of its operation. Mars, which seems to be an abandoned laboratory of life, fits in with all these ideas. If we look at the Universe as the new discovery suggests it may be, we shall probably be nearer the truth if we choose to be neo-Platonists rather than neo-Darwinists.

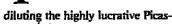
# Thumb period

CAMBRIDGESHIRE police have been called in to help with the authentication of a drawing which its owner claims is by Picasso. Mark Harris, a Brighton based dealer and soi-disant art historian. bought the drawing six years ago in Ealing from a flat once owned by a Pole who claimed to be Picasso's illegitimate daughter.

His long struggle to have it declared an original has now taken him to the Cambridge Constabulary Fingerprint Bureau and their crack finger man, Martin Leadbetter. Now Leadbetter is concentrating on a fingerprint next to a Picasso signature on the drawing.

"Scholars won't tell you anything," says Harris. "Some try to rubbish it. I've had a number of letters from Picasso's son, saying I'm in danger of the gravest consequences should I put it on the

Harris now needs an original document with Picasso's thumbprint, but says neither the Tate nor the Picasso estate is playing ball. He thinks that they both fear that if his drawing were authenticated, many more would emerge. so



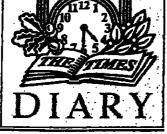
so market.

Leadbetter says it makes a difference from stolen car radios. You can see the right thumb print with the naked eye," he says. "It's a detective story in its own right."

● Adding to Dorset's rustic cacophony recently have been the



Dab man, Leadbetter



strains of Serenading Auntie, a cassette rumoured to increase the milk yields of dairy herds. According to my man by the churns, the cows enjoy the music so much that they have eaten two copies of the tape. To put off the rogue chompers, he has bought a CD

# All change

PEACE in the former Yugoslavia has its dividend for Lowe Bell, the PR company headed by Sir Tim Bell. It has recently been advising NatWest, which is helping to re-schedule the international debt of the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia, the rump state consisting of Serbia

that in 1992 he was close to Crown Prince Alexander of Yugoslavia. advising him on how best to promote his image back home with an eye on a restored monarchy. Bell was widely suspected to be the hand behind the Crown Prince's 1992 visit to Belgrade, which came complete with crying peasants and martial music.

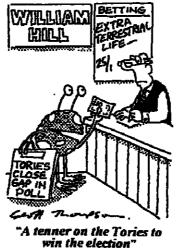
● As Britannia left Cowes for the last time yesterday, one figure was missing from the deck. Sophie Rhys-Jones, who has been staying aboard the Royal Yacht for the last few days, missed its departure at 9.00am by less than an hour. She had to leave at 8.15am to attend a charity do in Coventry. On her arrival there, she said: "I felt like the Milk Tray man getting off the boat. The water was very choppy, the barge was a very rough ride."

# Royal pardon

NEWS reaches me of an embarrassing incident during Prince Michael of Kent's presentation of the Queen's Cup at Cowes Week. Fluent in Russian, the Prince spurted out the language as if it were his mother tongue when introduced to and Montenegro. the skipper of the Russian ooat. But his words fell on deaf ears. The skipper curled his face up and in perfect English inquired: "What language is that?" Unfortunately for the Prince, he was talking to a Frenchman. Pierre Fehlmann. chairman of the Grand Mistral race, who was standing in for the Russian skipper.

### Acting up AS Arnold Schwarzenegger's in-

flated frame landed in London for the première of his new film Eraser



# Eventful

SOCIAL rather than equestrian competition is dominating the Dublin Horse Show. Tomorrow night three different balls will jostle to be best. The intensity of the contest between the 62-year-old Louth Ball and two newcomers is an indication of the show's reinvigorated prestige. After years in the dol-drums, it is regaining the cachet which once made the Irish equivalent of Henley or Goodwood.

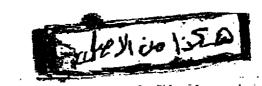
The Horse Show opened at the Royal Dublin Society in Ballsbridge yesterday, to the dark mut-



Haya Bint Al Husain

ters of stalwarts who have been attending show balls for acons. They accuse the arrivistes of being corporate hangers-on who have read ton much Jilly Cooper and sit a touch too softly in the saddle.

The prize guest will undoubtedly be Jordan's first ever entrant, Her Royal Highness Haya Bint Al Husain, daughter of King Husain, who will be riding Quid Pro Quo and





# SIGNAL FROM SPACE

Man may not be as alone in the Universe as he thought

The immensity of the heavens has always made man feel small. "The eternal silence of these infinite spaces terrifies me" said Blaise Pascal, and the sentiment has not diminished since we discovered that space is even vaster and emptier than Pascal imagined. So large an ocean, so small a ship: humanity's voyage has seemed to offer little prospect of Companionship.

From today such ideas are obsolete. American scientists believe they have the evidence to prove that life is not the sole creation of the Earth but that it also evolved independently on Mars. The arguments they presented in a Washington press conference last night need careful analysis but if proved right will be among the most significant of this century, or any other. For they show what sober analysts have long believed, that mankind is not alone in the Universe. Pascal's infinite spaces may contain an infinite number of other civilisations, sufficient to satisfy every taste.

Once the idea of a benevolent Creator is abandoned, such conclusions are mathematically inevitable. If life emerged from the primaeval soup by a series of steps that turned chemistry into biology, molecules into protins, and single-celled amoebas into Einstein, there is no reason to suppose that the process was unique to our planet. There are a hundred billion stars in our own galaxy, the Milky Way, and a billion more galaxies lying beyond it, so the odds have always favoured life emerging somewhere else. The recent discovery of planets in orbit around some of those stars, though not unexpected, has sharpened the sense of inevitability.

Some sceptics remain. When this argument was put to the Italian physicist Enrico Fermi, he responded: "OK, but where is everybody?" If the Universe teems with life, why is it that we still remain ignorant of our fellows from other worlds? The answer

given by proponents is that we have only just begun to listen. Given the laws of physics, actually visiting distant stars is likely to prove impossible, but communicating with them is a practicable proposition. The first attempts to search for extra-terrestrial intelligence date back only a few decades, and nothing significant has yet been heard. But this proves nothing.

On the evidence presented yesterday, the form of life that evolved on Mars was never competent to send any signals anyway. Each step in the evolution of life requires the right environment and that of Mars was appropriate only for the very first stages. Life emerged there, perhaps, but was snuffed out before it could develop into higher organisms. Logically, there may be hundreds or thousands of planets that fall into this category for every one that turns into an Earth and produces intelligent life; but the mere fact that the first few faltering steps had been taken on Mars would increase the chances

that other planets will have gone all the way. Great scientific developments seldom spring fully-formed into the world, but rather creep out piecemeal. Only in retrospect is it usually possible to identify a turning point; even the greatest discoveries, such as nuclear fission or the structure of DNA, take a few years to make their importance felt. The discovery of life on Mars - if so it proves - could well be an exception. To those raised on the little green monsters of science fiction, the grainy pictures and complex arguments presented by the Nasa team are likely to come as a disappointment. They are not quite what we have been led to expect. But the temptation to dismiss the claims on that account should be resisted; these tiny fragments from the red planet may be the harbingers of discoveries that will profoundly alter our percept-

ions of the Universe and our place in it.

# THE GUNS OF GROZNY

### Chechen rebels set out to spoil Yeltsin's inaugural celebrations

President Yeltsin has described the war in Anechenia as "Russia's biggest problem". On the eve of his ceremonial inauguration tomorrow, the Chechen rebels have driven home in the most dramatic, and therefore most humiliating, fashion the political hazards of letting it drift. On Tuesday, for the second time in five months, Chechen fighters stormed into the heart of the capital, Grozny, where they have surrounded the buildings housing the widely detested pro-Russian administration of Doku Zavgayev. Yet again, they a ear to have caught the Russian command off guard — even though their Trojan Horse strategy of infiltrating the city as civilians and heading for preplaced munitions caches was so little a secret to Grozny's remaining civilian popu-

lation that many of them left town last week. The Chechen forces cannot hold Grozny for long and do not expect to. They do not need to, because by holding up to ridicule the boasts of Russian commanders that the rebels are finished as an organised fighting force, they have made their political point. They have also reminded Russians that the poor intelligence, fighting capability, disci-Mine and morale of Russian forces in Chechenia remain. after all these months, astonishingly far from being remedied. Their avowed aim is to get Moscow back to the negotiating table. Encouragingly, Aleksandr Lebed, Mr Yeltsin's security chief,

appeared vesterday to have taken the point. If Moscow puts sufficient energy and imagination into negotiation, there is more chance of progress than there was in the lifetime of Dzhokhar Dudayev, the Chechen leader who launched the rebellion. His successor, Zelimkhin Yandarbayev, is a good deal more pragmatic, as is the relatively moderate Chechen military commander, Aslan Maskhadov. Moscow for its part is genuinely desperate for a solution and has been trawling through every international precedent — even talking, somewhat improbably, about a "Puerto Rican" solution - that would preserve the façade of sovereignty and some essential element of strategic control.

Russia will not grant independence and the rebels refuse to be part of Russia. The trick is to establish a lasting truce while searching for a formula that enables both to emerge with neither side agrees on where to start.

A deal was reached in Nazran on June 10 with the aid of Tim Guldimann, the dynamic Swiss who heads the Chechenia mission of the Organisation for Security and Co-operation in Europe. It gave Mr Yeltsin something to show Russians before the first round of the presidential elections. But it collapsed days after the second round. This was no surprise; its targets for "demilitarising" Chechenia were patently unrealistic. The 'peace convoy" of negotiators was attacked as it returned to Grozny and both Russian and Chechen forces all but ignored it.

Mr Lebed, a constant critic of the war from the sidelines, is under corresponding pressure to end it. He has called for a congress of representatives from all over Chechenia, including religious as well as political leaders. That could be the first step towards sidelining the hated Mr Zavgayev. in favour of an acceptable Chechen figurehead. But it is also uncomfortably reminiscent of abortive Russian attempts to find an "internal" solution, short of withdrawing its troops, to the war in Afghanistan. The very fact that the purpose of this week's raid on Grozny was claimed to be political hints at a new flexibility. But it will be a long haul.

# HARD CHOICES

### Debate on abortion is difficult, but necessary

When private dilemmas become public property the individual at the centre rarely benefits. The young woman bearing twins whose decision to abort one foetus has spuched the nation's conscience will have suffered difficulties enough without her position becoming a matter of general debate. It is to be hoped that she, and her child, will suffer no greater scrutiny than has so far been thrust on them. The manner in which her case was brought to wider attention reflects badly on the doctor, Professor Phillip Bennet, in whom she placed her trust. But it has prompted a

bracing re-evaluation of difficult questions. No abortion is ever undertaken lightly. The 1967 Abortion Act was tightly framed to limit suffering, and balance wrongs. Before any abortion can be granted two doctors must agree that the physical or mental health of a mother or any of her children would be put at risk if the operation did not take place. As time has passed, morals have changed and technology has altered. The criteria set down in 1967 have come to be interpreted more flexibly. But there has been a broad presumption that NHS doctors would consent to abortions only if their refusal would result in significant harm. Of course, private clinics have been prepared to conduct abortions in the right circumstances

as a last resort for those with the resources. There has always been an element of iniquity in the thought that delicate moral decisions can be influenced by economic considerations. And that is one of the reasons why this week's case has provoked such a reaction. That the straitened circumstances of the mother should dictate that one twin be aborted while the other lives provokes deep unease. The attempts by antiabortion activists to influence the mother by offering her money was not, in itself, objectionable but it did jar with many because it reinforced the impression that human life was being traded like a commodity. That the decision had already been taken only made it more poignant.

There are specific difficulties in the case publicised this week. The surviving twin will be a living reminder for the mother of what has been lost and may itself suffer trauma. Set against that, the burden to a single mother of bringing up two new babies alongside an older child could considerably strain her capacity to provide the best care. Adoption or fostering may seem attractive alternatives

but neither is without emotional cost. Nothing is served by condemnation: and no guide to action can be framed for every circumstance. But some lessons may be drawn from this case. However well-intentioned, it is dangerous to conduct debates on medical ethics by reference to current patients. However pressing the material circumstances, they should not distort medical decisions. And, however passionate campaigners feel, their energies are best directed at encouraging prior restraint, and providing comfort for those who do not heed them.

# TERS TO THE EDITOR

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# Individual freedoms and the ownership of handguns

From Mr Paul Pearce-Kelly

Sir, Although respecting Magnus Linklater's measured response to the public outrage at the Home Affairs Select Committee's rejection of a ban on handgun ownership (Tears must not blind our MPs", August 1), I stand full-square behind the parents of the Dunblane victims in their demand for the Government to bring into law a total ban on the civilian ownership of such weapons.

We were assured by the Government that sufficient control measures were in place after Hungerford. Subsequent events have tragically illustrated just how empty those assur-

We must face the fact that the only way of preventing the next gun-related outrage is physically to remove as many of these weapons from our society as is humanly possible. Mr Linklater's concern that such a ban would drive gun-ownership "underground" says little for the character of the 57,000 registered gun-owners in ques-

I feel it is also right to ban the possession of replica weapons, which are increasingly being used, even by children, in crime. Victims threatened with these replicas can be as traumatised by them as by real weapons.

Yours sincerely, P. PEARCE-KELLY, 31 Feltham Road, Ashford, Middlesex. August L

From Mr Clive Howell

Sir, In oral evidence before the Home Affairs Select Committee taken in public just before the Cullen inquiry opened, the President of the Association of Chief Police Officers (ACPO), Sir James Sharples, accepted as accurate an estimate that 96 per cent of firearms used in crime had never been li-

He made it clear that the real prob-

lem lay with illegally held firearms, that further restrictions on legitumate shooters could not be expected to have any significant impact on the use of firearms in crime, that thefts of firearms usually take place in the course of theft of other property, and that there is no evidence that firearms are

Sir James, until recently the chair-man of the ACPO group concerned with firearms and armed crime, can be expected to know what he is talking

Would somebody therefore please explain to me why owners of legally held firearms are continually pilloried, and how armed crime will disappear if such owners are deprived of their possessions?

Yours faithfully, CLIVE HOWELL, 102 Downlands Way, South Wonston, Winchester, Hampshire.

From Mr Stephen Mulliner

Sir, The furore over the Home Affairs Select Committee report on handgun ownership may be sincere but much of it, in my opinion, is also hysterical and dangerous. The manner in which democratic decisions are reached is important, particularly where longstanding individual rights are to be curtailed. It is wrong for Parliament to be seen to be steam-rollered by the mob.

I do not own a handgun and have no wish to do so. However, if lawabiding citizens are to lose certain freedoms, common sense as well as justice requires that their concerns should be heard with respect. If the rights of 57,000 people, the great majority of whom are the epitome of respectability, are to be sacrificed, let it be on the altar of reason. Waiting for the outcome of the Cullen inquiry is es-

The silence of the civil liberties lob-

by is deafening. I believe that the liberal elite is, on this issue, giving uncritical endorsement of "majority opinion", which it so firmly rejects in relation to capital punishment and homosexuality.

Yours faithfully. STEPHEN MULLINER,

Witherden Weydown Road, Haslemere, Surrey. August 1.

From Mr Walter Sweeney, MP for Vale of Glamorgan (Conservative)

Sir. As a member of the Home Affairs Select Committee on handguns, I was surprised and disappointed that on August I you and other media gave extensive coverage to our report, which is not due to be published until August 13. The details provided must therefore be based on a leak or speculation, rather than on the actual contents of a published report.

Your characterisation of me and the other Conservative members of the committee as "rebels" shows a misunderstanding of the role and nature of select committees of the House of Commons.

Members of these committees are not under any political Whip; they are expected to take evidence, weigh that evidence and present their conclusions without fear or favour. They normally try to reach a unanimous conclusion, but it is not unusual for minority views to be expressed.

Sometimes such divisions happen to be on party lines, but they may also be on cross-party lines, or even con-fined to an individual. I resent the implication that any of our members were excessively influenced by either the gun lobby, the anti-gun lobby or any party-political pressure.

Yours faithfully. WALTER SWEENEY. House of Commons. August 2

# Thoughts on changes to character of our constitution

From Mr Richard FitzGerald

Sir, What a joy to read Alice Thomson's thoughtful and sensible article on the proposed reform of the Lords ("It's not the peers who need reform", July 27).

Too many people — in both the political and domestic domains — react to this issue with a kind of blind instinct. If the Upper House is working, and evidence certainly seems to suggest that it is, then why replace it with something that will suffer all the rently endures?

The Lords is accused of being outdated, anachronistic, undemocratic yet its work is invaluable: and it is clear that both hereditary and life peers pull their weight.

Moreover, at a time when party leaders are demanding (and enforcing) absolute obedience from their cohorts in the Commons, it is very refreshing to see people swayed by argument and debate and thought ~ as so often happens in the House of

More people should query the need for reform along the lines of Ms Thomson's excellent article. If the politicians won't defend our institutions, then perhaps the fourth estate will.

I am, Sir, your obedient servant, RICHARD FitzGERALD, Vine Cottage, Houghton, Nr Stockbridge, Hampshire. August L

From Mr Richard Bacon

Sir, Mary Ann Sieghart ('Reform is the key to survival'', July 31) is right that predictions of dire consequences from constitutional change have often been unfounded. However, people must not assume that all change is therefore acceptable.

Conservatives must continue to warn the public that proposals for a new Bill of Rights, advanced by both main opposition parties, would shift power from elected politicians to unelected judges and lead to an increasingly politicised judiciary.

As indicated by your leading article, "In the dock" (also July 31), members

of the judiciary have given the public no reason to suppose that they should be granted more power. Yours faithfully,

RICHARD BACON (Conservative Prospective Parliamentary Candidate. Vauxhall), 86 Gloucester Street, SW1. August I.

From Mr Michael R. Bond

Sir. The greatest strength of the which arises from the fact that, once there, only death can remove a peer. It is this feature which the Americans adopted for their Supreme Court; and there over the years it has proved its worth, as political placemen, once they realised they were no longer dependent on political patronage, revealed their true characters.

Yours faithfully MICHAEL R. BOND, 119 High Street, Chesterton, Cambridge. August l.

### Catholics and Queen

From Dr William Oddie

Sir. Your report of July 25, "Catholic paper airs doubts on the Queen", stated that I am known not only for having "allied" myself "closely with the conservative wing of the Catholic Church" but also for my "extreme views" - as though this might explain why I should write as I have done about the Queen's attitude to the divorce of the Prince and Princess of Wales (letters, July 27, 31).

On the contrary, I have received the support of too many middle-of-theroad Anglicans as well as Roman Catholics for this to be an adequate explanation, even if it were true. My views are those of a mainstream modern Catholic who accepts the teachings of the Second Vatican Council. and I challenge anybody to cite a single example of my adopting an "extreme" Catholic position.

In a secularised world, of course. simply to state a Catholic view on almost anything as though one believes it to be true is bound to be provocative: perhaps this is what is meant by "extreme views".

Yours sincerely, WILLIAM ODDIE, 6 Sunningwell Road, Oxford. August 1.

### Liszt variation

From Mr C. K. Hargreaves

Sir, Had Franz Liszt really died in 1866, as stated in "On this Day" today, we would have been deprived of a legacy of some stunningly original works, particularly for piano, written by this still very underrated composer in his later years.

However, fortunately for us, Liszt did not die until July 31, 1886, at the age of 74.

Yours faithfully. C. K. HARGREAVES, Spencer Lodge, Back Lane, Capel Brampton, Northampton. August 2.

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### Training for the arts

From Mr Patrick Allan

Sir, The Government does not consider the performing arts a mainstream profession. Yesterday Virginia Bottomley announced lottery support to give schoolchildren exposure to the performing arts, yet confirmed that those wanting to train in the field will

not be helped (report, July 31). Theatre and dance represent crucial contributors to our vital tourism industry - yet training in these areas, unlike "normal" professions, only merits a discretionary local authority grant. Given the current pressure on funds this usually means no cash is available

I have to declare an interest: I advise several of the UK's leading dancers on their careers. Most of these received training grants in the good old days when local authorities were properly funded. Today's dancers in training normally have to fund themselves. I do not know where the next generation of dancers will come from. Yours faithfully. PATRICK ALLAN.

75 Stirling Court, Wl. July 31.

### £15m Shearer deal From Mr J. R. Simons

Sir, Mr Jon Scott (letter. August 3) asks if he has missed something. I

Unlike the footballer Alan Shearer, whose pay and benefits are determined by his employers, directors of major industries, like MPs, are trustees for those they represent, as such they should not be able to determine their own remuneration. If the latter were subject to effective scrutiny by all those they represent there would be no cause for complaint and the "lat cat"

Yours faithfully. J. R. SIMONS, Vivary Gate. 27 Mount Street, Taunton, Somerset. August 5.

Sir. There is a difference between the 'fat cats" from the privatised monopo-

### A happy ending?

From Mr Nicholas Reed

Sir, It is excellent news that a museum of children's literature is now planned for this country (report, August 3). It would be a shame however if it focused, as your report says, on postwar children's fiction. Kenneth Grahame, whom you mention, is of course far earlier (1859-1932), and though his manuscripts have gone abroad those of his near-contemporary Edith Nesbit (1858-1924) are mainly still here in private hands

Nesbit, best-known as the author of The Railway Children, still has most of her 12 books in print, 70 years after her death. Her books, unlike Grahame's, were among the first to be written from the child's standpoint, laughing with them rather than at them. Yet they are still as enjoyable for adults as for children, as Noel Coward and Joyce Grenfell appreciated. Any of her manuscripts could take pride of place in such a museum. Yours truly,

NICHOLÁS REED (Chairman, Edith Nesbit Society). Dover House, Maple Road, SE20. August 4.

think he has.

label would disappear.

From Mr Patrick Higham

lies on the one hand and footballers

and musicians on the other. I can choose to watch or not watch football, I can choose whether to buy a particular song, I can choose whether to watch television; but I cannot choose between different utility companies, I do not regard water, gas or

electricity as luxuries, and those com-

panies have a captive market. Alan Shearer's transfer fee was settled on the open market, with a number of other football clubs also interested in him; musicians such as Elton John only receive their money if people buy their records. How many companies in this country, or indeed around the world, were after Cedric Brown?

Yours faithfully. PATRICK HIGHAM, 6 Randolph Close, Cobham, Surrey.

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### Can zoos help save wild animal lives?

From Sir Christopher Lever

Sir, Colin Tudge ("Captive breeding is their only hope", July 29) argues for the captive breeding of threatened animals in zoos.

To suggest that the world's increasing human population could level out in the next century, and might even begin to fall back to present levels in the next 500 to 1,000 years, is mere speculation; and to suggest that our task in the third millennium should be to help threatened species through this "demographic winter" by captive breeding, with the intention of re-establishing them in the wild 500 to 1,000 years hence, is pure fantasy.

Mr Tudge states that "populations of wild animals cannot survive unless they contain at least 500 individuals". This is simply untrue. There are numerous examples of species that have survived in the wild for many years with very much smaller populations. Nor is it true that "we cannot say how much it costs to keep rhinos safely in the wild, because this has not yet been done". There are a number of sanctuaries in Africa in which both black and white rhinos have bred successfully, and for which detailed costings are available.

Zoos and their protagonists attempt to justify their existence by extravagant claims of reintroducing captive bred species to the wild, but most zoos have a very poor record in this respect. Of the 5,929 species listed in the 1994 IUCN (World Conservation Union) Red List of Threatened Animals, only a very few have been bred in zoos, and of these only a tiny fraction have been successfully reintroduced to the wild.

A far more practical solution to the problem of threatened species is the conservation of wild habitats and the animals they contain. One of the best ways of achieving this is by CAMPFIRE (Communal Area Management Programmes for Indigenous Resources) projects, such as those in Zimbabwe, whereby local rural communities are encouraged to regard wild animals as a cash-generation resource to be protected from poaching, human encroachment and agricultural development alike.

Yours faithfully, CHRISTOPHER LEVER, Newell House, Winkfield. Berkshire. August 5.

## After Atlanta

From Miss Rachel Carruthers

Sir, I am not in favour of government funds supporting athletes (letters, August 1, 2, 6): there are many other pressing domestic needs. I would therefore ask Baroness Chalker to review our overseas aid allocations and perhaps reconsider that destined for countries which hitherto have justifiably attracted our support but choose to fund their athletes as a priority ahead of other more fundamen-

tai tasks. Britain's poor sporting performance is certainly not a national crisis requiring government intervention. Goodness, there are numerous truly critical matters, the lamentable consequence of which can be laid at this

Government's door. Yours faithfully, RACHEL CARRUTHERS, 241 Botley Road, Ley Hill. Chesham, Buckinghamshire.

August 6. From Mrs S. M. Rose

Sir, Might I suggest a break from tradition? Instead of lambasting the British Olympic team for the medals they did not win at Atlanta, let us instead congratulate them on the medals they did win and thank them for the sheer guts, determination and effort it took all the team to make it to the Olympics in the first place.

Yours faithfully, S. ROSE. 12a Little Roodee, Havarden, Flintshire. August 5.

# Cabbies' hours

From Mr Kenneth Peter, FCIT

Sir. Mr Peter Gibson (letter, August 2) gives self-employment as a reason why licensed taxi-drivers are not subject to any restrictions on drivers'

A sizeable number of the many hundreds of thousands of licensed lorry and bus drivers are also self-employed. They are subject to the same drivers' hours and records requirements as their wage earning colleagues.

There may well be good reasons why cabbies are exempt from such requirements, but surely self-employment cannot be one of them? Yours faithfully,

K. PETER (Traffic Commissioner, 1976-86), Westgate Cottage, High Street, Thornham, Hunstanton, Norfolk,

# Yours, puzzled

From Mr Paul Downes Sir, Is there a polite way, other than buying two copies or cutting it out of the paper, to dissuade house guests from attacking The Times crossword before the host gets a chance?

I am Sir, yours etc, PAUL DOWNES. Garstons, Heytesbury, Wearminster, Wiltshire. August 7.



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# **COURT CIRCULAR**

HM YACHT BRITANNIA August 7: The Queen this afternoon travelled to Portsmouth and was received by Her Majesty's Lord-Lieuten-ant of Hampshire (Mrs Mary Fagan) and the Lord Mayor of

Portsmouth (Councillor Mark Hancock).

Her Majesty afterwards embarked in HMY Britannia and, escorted by HMS Battleaxe (Commander Allan Adair RN), sailed for Scotland.

### Today's royal engagements

The Duke of Edinburgh, Patron of the Outward Bound Trust, will visit Outward Bound Eskdale, Eskdale Green, Cumbria, at 10.10.

### Dinner

Royal Over-Seas League Mr Robert Newell, Director-General of the Royal Over-Seas League, was the host at a dinner held last night at Over-Seas House, St James's, to bid farewell to Mr Serge April. Deputy High Commissioner for Canada, and Mrs April.

### Church of Scotland

Induction The Rev Norman Drummond to Kilmuir with Stenscholl.

Translations The Rev Alistair H. Gray from Garvald & Morham with Haddington West to Lochgilphead.

The Rev Barry Knight from Sandsting & Aithsting with Walls to Colvend Southwick & Kirkbean.

Retirements The Rev John W.M. Cameron from Liberton, Edinburgh The Rev W. James L. Galbraith from Kilchrenan & Dalavich with Muckairn. The Rev James Heriot from

The Rev John Scott from St Fillan's, Aberdour.

### University news Cambridge

Professor Keith Moffatt, 61, is to be director of the Isaac Newton Institute for mathematical sciences. He will take up his five-year appointment on October 1. He is a fellow of Trinity College and Professor of Mathematical Physics at the department of applied mathematics and theoretical physics. He succeeds Sir Michael Atiyah, the institute's

Dr Noah Linden, assistant director, becomes deputy director on the same date and Dr Sandu Popescu becomes Hewlett-Packard senior research fellow.

first director.

King's College Elected into fellowships: John Butt, elected into a teaching fellowship in music from October

Rebecca Bryony Hoyle, elected into an unofficial fellowship with teach-ing responsibilities in mathemat-ics from October 1, 1996.

St John's College Elected to a Fellowship and appointed Lecturer in Engineering from October I, 1996: Duncan Campbell McFarlane, BA Melbourne, PhD Queens'. Elected to a Fellowship and appointed Lecturer in Law from January 1, 1997: Christine Diana Gray, MA, PhD

### Latest wills

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Mr Norman Meyer Murray, of West Hill, London N6..... E856,390 Mr Hugh Edward Newton, of Henley on Thames, Oxon £706,447

# Today's birthdays

Princess Beatrice of York is 8 Sherborne School, Dorset, 55; years old today.

Professor Jack Baldwin, chemist, 58; Mr Keith Barron, actor, 52; Mr Dennis Canavan, MP, 54; Lord Chapple, 75; Dr Michael Clark, MP, 61; Viscount Combermere, 67; the Earl of Donoughmore, 69; Lord Hayhoe, 71; Mr Dustin ant-General Sir David House. 74; Professor Sir Laurence Hunter, chairman, Police Negotiating Board, 62; Mr P.H. Lapping, Headmaster, High Court judge, 74.

Mr Nigel Mansell, racing driver, 43; Sir Alan Muir Wood, civil engineer, 75; Sir Patrick Neill, QC, former Vice-Chancellor, Oxford University, 70.

Professor Sir Roger Penrose, mathematician, 65: Miss Barbara Sonnentag, fashion designer, 34; Sir Neil Thorne, former MP, 64; Mr Bill Wigglesworth, former deputy director-general. Oftel, 59; Sir John Wood, former

# Anniversaries

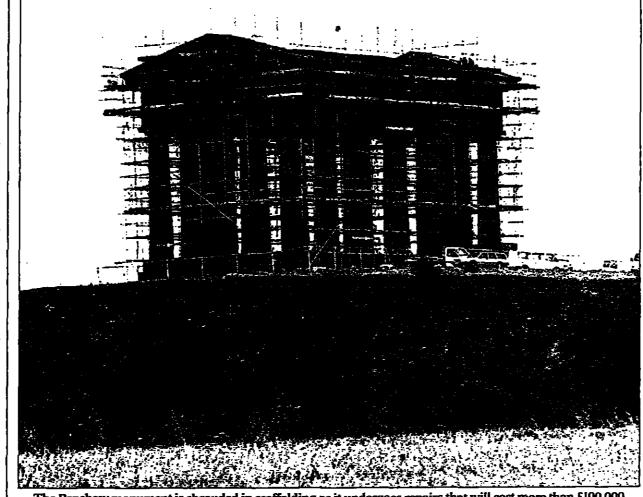
BIRTHS: Jacques de Beauval, 1897; Anton Denikin, comtheologian, Rouen, 1653; Francis Hutcheson, philosopher, Armagh, 1694; William Bateson, biologist, Whitby, 1861; P.A.M. Dirac, physicist, No-bel laureate 1933, Bristol, 1902; Andy Warhol, painter, Pittsburgh, 1931.

DEATHS: Thomas à Kempis. theologian, Agnetenberg, The Netherlands, 1471; George Canning, Prime Minister 1827, London, 1827: Thomas Crofton Croker, antiquary, London, 1854; Lucia Mathews, (Mme Vestris), actress, London, 1856; Robert Moffat, missionary, Leigh, Surrey, 1883; Jacob Burckhardt, historian, Basle, mander of the anti-Bolshevik forces in the Russian Civil War 1918-20, Ann Arbor, Michigan, 1947; Nicholas Monsarrat, novelist, London,

The English Poor Law Act was passed, 1834. The Great Train Robbery £24 million stolen from the Glasgow-London train at Cheddington. Buckingham-

shire, 1963. President Nixon resigned as a result of the Watergate affair, 1974.

John McCarthy was released from captivity in Beirut after 1.943 days, 1991.



The Penshaw monument is shrouded in scaffolding as it undergoes repairs that will cost more than £100,000

# Restored folly will stay a mucky monument

ONE of the most distinctive landmarks in the North East, the Penshaw monument at Sunderland, built as a tribute to the first Earl of Durham, is

being re-pointed and strengthened. But the rejuvenation of the monu-ment, a folly built in classical doric style, will omit one important detail. The blackened surface of the stonework will not be cleaned. It is to remain as it is as a reminder of the area's tradition of heavy industry.

Nev Kirby, who is overseeing the work on behalf of the National Trust, said: "This work shows the enormous finan-cial burden of maintaining National replacing them with new stainless steel cramps bedded in lead."

Trust properties. The Penshaw project is costing over £100.000 and yet we hope that the repairs will be invisible when

the workmen leave.
"The original 19th century stonework and pointing has deteriorated because of the monument's exposed position. The columns and lintels have suffered and we are setting about the task of repairing them. The original cast iron cramps which reinforce the structure are over 150 years old and have rusted. As a result they have swollen in size, causing undue stresses on the stonework. We are

Other remedial work includes repointing using lime mortar made from lime quarried at the National Trust's pits at Wallington, Co Durham.

The monument is on top of a hill above the village of Penshaw and overlooks the city of Sunderland. It was built as a tribute to the popular first Earl of Durham, John George Lambton, who

He served County Durham as a whig politician for 15 years and went on to become a diplomat in Russia and Governor-General of Canada.

The folly was built in 1844 as a double sized replica of a Greek temple.

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M Arnot, PhD, Fellow, Jesus College, University of Cambridge.

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erence grammar of modern lit-erary Uzbek. R Ballard, PhD, Lecturer, Department of Religions, University of Manchester, Reconceptualising race and ethnicity in Britain.

M C Barber, PhD, Professor of

History, University of Reading. The Cathars. TJC Beebee, PhD, Senior Lecturer in Biochemistry, University of Sussex, Molecular genetic analysis of European amphibian

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Philosophy, University of Dur-ham, Limits of language mysticism and its implications. P J Cragg, PhD, Lecturer in Bioinorganic Chemistry, University of Brighton, Oxacalix(3)arenes

as potential metalloenzyme Pauline Croft, DPhil, Senior Lecturer, Royal Holloway, University of London, Robert Cecil; a political

biography.
Caroline Dakers, PhD. Senior
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cient Greece. E E Gregory, PhD, Reader in Educational Studies, Goldsmiths'
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Generations of reading in
London's East End.

A Guy, PhD, Provost, and Professor of Modern History, University of St Andrews, New Oxford History of England, 1461-A D Hadfield, DPhil, Lecturer in

Wales, Aberystwyth, Literature, travel and colonialism in the English Renaissance.

J D Harries, DPhil, Senior Lec-

turer in Ancient History, University of St Andrews, Imperial law and society in late antiquity. D A Heald, BA, ACMA, Professor of Accountancy, University of Aberdeen, Options for public expenditure levels and

A F Hemingway, PhD, Reader in History of Art, University College, London, American artists and the Communist party, 1929-56. P S Henley, PhD. Director, Granada Centre for Visual Anthropol-

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Japanese Studies. University of Sheffield, Japan's role in East Asian regional security. A P Kerr, PhD. Senior Lecturer in French Studies, University of Reading. Alexis de Tocqueville's Correspondence anglaise, (Ocu-vres completes tome VI.3).

C Marleod, PhD, Senior Lecturer. University of Bristol, Concepts of invention in industrial Britain. D Mannings, PhD, Senior Lecturer, University of Aberdeen, Sir Joshua Reynolds, catalogue of

M A Mazower, DPhil. Reader in History, University of Sussex, The war in Bosnia: a historical

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Details of the rest of the Leverhulme Trust awards will be published as soon as possible

# Church news

Appointments

RICHARD RAYNER

The Rev Maureen Alderson, Assistant Curate (NSM). St Cyprian. Hay Mills: to be Priest-in-charge, St Cyprian, Hay Mills (Birmingham). The Rev John Ashe, Vicar, Godalming: now also Rural Dean of Godalming (Guildford).

The Rev Joan Ashton, Assistant Curate, Hillsborough and Wadsley Bridge, Sheffield: to be Priest-in-charge, St Mary's, Stainforth, Doncaster (Sheffield).

The Rev Margaret Barsley, NSM, St Thomas, Boston, Skirbeck Quarter: to be Priestin-charge, St Mary. Swines-head (Lincoln).

The Rev Stan Bindoff, Chap-lain to HM Prison, Frankland (Durham): to be Chaplain, HM Young Offenders Institution, Deerbolt (Ripon). The Rev Richard Blackburn, Vicar, Mosborough, Sheffield: to be also Rural Dean of

Attercliffe (Sheffield). The Rev Andrew Body, Team Rector, Redhorn (Salisbury): to be Vicar, St Lawrence,

Chobham (Guildford). The Rev Moira Davies, Assistant Curate, Walmer (Canter-bury): to be Priest-in-charge, Somercotes and Grainthorpe w Conisholme (Lincoln). Canon Alan Dawkins: to be Chaplain of St John's Hospital and Bursar of St John's and St Nicholas Hospitals (Canter-

The Rev Brian Dodds, Vicar, St John's, Gainsborough w Morton: now Rector, Walesby, Claxby w Normanby le Wold. Kermond le Mire w Stainton Willingham (Lincoln).

le Vale, Tealby, North The Rev Timothy Edge, Curate, Bedworth (Coventry): to be Team Vicar, Witney Team Ministry (Oxford).

# Forthcoming f marriages

Mr A.C. Dickens and Miss C.S.L. Weir

The engagement is announced between Adrian, elder son of Mr and Mrs David Dickens, of Stoneygate, Leicester, and Catherine, elder daughter of Mr and Mirs David Weir, of Bottisham, Cambridge.

Mr M.J. Evans and Miss H.C. Daniels

and MISS H.L. Danness
The engagement is announced between Mark, only son of Mr and Mrs J. Evans, of Kerswell, Devon. and Helen, daughter of Mr and Mrs J. Daniels, of Atherstone, Worstidebies Warwickshire. Mr J.B. Friend and Miss E.J.R. Pollard

and Miss E.J.R. Pollard
The engagement is announced between Justin, only son of Mr and Mrs Michael Friend, of Milland, Hampshire, and Elizabeth Jane (Polly), only daughter of the late Mr Basil Pollard, MBE, and of Mrs Pollard, of Brightwell cum Sotwell, Oxfordshire.

Mr J.M. Tarrant and Miss C.K. Rooum and MISS C.K. KOOUM
The engagement is announced between John, son of Mr and Mrs Michael Tarrant, of Rugby, and Charlotte, daughter of Air Commodore and Mrs John Rooum, of S.H.A.P.E., Belgium.

Marriages

Mr J.D. Hotchkiss

and Miss J.E. Goodwin The marriage took place at All Saints Church, Lawshall, Suffolk, on Saturday, July 20, between Mr John Devlin Hotchkiss, youngest son of Mr Barty Hotchkiss, of Chiskehurst, Kent, and Mrs Aug drey Hotchkiss, of Peasenhall, Suffolk, and Miss Julie Ellen Goodwin, daughter of Mr John Goodwin, of Thurston, Suffolk, and Mrs Wendy Harris, of Lawshall, Suffolk.

The bride was given away by Mr Trevor Harris.

Mr B.E. Sewards and Mrs C.D. Durose-Robson The marriage took place between Mr Barry E. Sewards, of Ticknall, and Mrs Carol D. Durose-Robson, of Ireton Wood Hall, Derbyshire, on August 3, at the Savoy, London.

# **Royal Commission for** the Exhibition of 1851

The following awards are announced for 1996:

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C B D Cooke, University of Cambridge, Royal College of Art/Imperial College.

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Cylinders and University of Nottingham Understanding and controlling the effects of deformation in aluminium alloy cylinder

materials. L J Hartwell, Bede Scientific

Durham Application of optical spectroscopy to the characterisation of novel materials. M R Leggett, Devonport Management and University of

Plymouth Development and computer modelling of the Resin Infusion under Flexible Tooling (RIFT) Process.

A E Smith, Intelligent Manufacturing Systems and University of Oxford To develop an improved system for non-intrusive inspec-

tion of food and other mass produced products. Dr L J Wigley, Xenova and Imperial College New protocols for the discov-

ery of novel microbial compounds for pharmaceutical exploitation. Industrial Design

Studentships: Miss G V Brill. Imperial College. Royal College of Art/Imperial of Cambridge, Royal College of Art/Imperial College; I Roberts, University of Southampton, Royal College of Art/Imperial College Research Fellowships: P G Clute, University of Toronto, Canada, Cellular and Molecular

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DEATHS ARKLE - Of Gosforth, peacefully in hospital on August 6th aged 83 years. Joyce Marguerite (née Woodford) Denity beloved mother of Buth and Mary Ann and a much loved grandmother and great-grandmother. Service at West Avenue Methodist Church, Gosforth, on Tuesday 13th August at 12.45 pm, followed by private cremation at Newcastle Crematorium. Friends please meet at Church for Service. DEATHS CUMMents STAMLEY - Francis
Joseph of Islington,
suddenly on August 5th
1996 at his brother's home
in Halesowen, West
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Lady of Lourdes, Chd Hill,
Monday August 12th at
10.30 am followed by
cremation at Bowley Regis
Crematorium.

DICKENS - On August 4th
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Toby of Church Beampon,
Northampton, eged 32 years.
Funeral Service at The
Parish Church of St
Matthew, Northampton, on
Monday August 12th 2 pm.
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for the Cauch Beams for the Cancer Research Campaign to Ann Botham & Son Funeral Directors, 71 S Glies Street, Northampton, NN1 1 JF, tel: (01604)

Angust 1996 in her 76th year after a long ilineas fangust 1996 in her 76th year after a long ilineas fanguste Hildegard Sabel, Locknell Lodge, Taynulit, behred wife of Michael and dear mother of Giles, Christopher and Stephen and a much loved grandmother.

DUNDAS-GRANT - On August 2nd quietly at home, Katharine Hermina (née Gailoway) aged 95, widow of James, desply mouthed by her daughters Valerie and Deludie, her grandchildren. Service at Woking St John's Crematorium on August 19th at 3 pm. Family flowers only, domations if desired to the Marie Cucie Cancer Care, clo Cyril R. Lovegrove, 32 Gaildford Road, Woking, Sarrey GU22 7QQ.

JENKIR - Jeanette (nee Casson), devoted wife of Graham and much loved mother of Tom, David and Emma, passed away peacefully at home, in Pinner on Saturday 3rd August. After a private femeral at the crematorium there will be a Service of Thankagiving at Emmanuel Church, High Street, Northwood at 2.30 pm on Monday 12th August Family flowers only, donations if desired to The Cancer Treatment and Research Trust, co TA. Ellement & Son Ltd. 21 Bridge Street, Pinner, Middlesex, Ha5 3Hz.

ettey - On 7th August 1996, two weeks short of his 93rd birthday, Henry, beloved hushand of the late Lotts and father of Barbara and Peter. Service at Thomson Crematorium on Tuesday August 13th at 12 noon, No Bowers please but if desired donations to the Imperial Cancer Research Fund. LAMBERT - Michel Marcel

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West Moors, Ferndown,
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GM. Luff, 84 Lion Lane,
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1]H. LEATHEM - Rrian Bendle of LEATHEM - gram Renue of Cape Town, peacefully in hospital on 1st Angust 1996 aged 87. A much loved unch, repected and loved by friends.

DEATHS MACLAY - Maisie Barrie (née Mary Couper of Giasgow), loving wife of David and mother of James, Anne and Ian, on 4th August aged 88. Cremetion on 14th August in Bhraingham. Enquiries to V Morton & Sons (0121) 476-9111. PORTAL - Viscountess joan Margaret died 19th June 1996 - a private funeral service has been held.

service has been held.
POTTER - Edith Marianne,
widow of Colonel LW. Potter,
South Lancashire Regiment,
died peacefully in Durban
House Norsing Home,
Romsey, Tuesday 6th August
1996. Cremation at
Southampton Crematorium
Monday 12th August 1996
10.15 am. No Rowers please.
REMEMY. Transfer line. 10.15 am. No flowers please.

SCHENK - Tragically on Sunday 4th August 1996 Gasham, much loved son of Hazel and the late Dr. Hang Schemk. The coffin will be received hint of Gregory and St Augustine's E.C. Church, Woodstock Road, Oxford. The funeral service will be held on Wednesday 14th August at 10 am. Cut flowers only please or donations if desired for The Catholic Childray's Society elo AW. Bruck Fuseral Directors, 27 Roger Street, Summertown, Oxford, OX2 7LS. (01865) 310907.

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SPEEKS - Saddenly whilst in the Chi Minh City, Vietnam. Timothy David, aged 33 years. Dearly beloved son of Rita Eathleen and the bite john Louis. Dearest brother of Nicholas James. Simon John and Mark William. The Memorial Service will take place at St. Peturs Church, Thurleigh, Bedfordshire on Thursday 15th August at 2pm. All enquiries to A. Abbott & Sons Funeral Directors, Bedford Road, Rushden, Northants. Rushden, Northants. (01933) 312142

SPRIDEL - Victor on August 6th 1996 oped 83, the loved and loving bushand, father and grandfather of Elizabeth/Buffy, Daniel, Emtsa, Julia and Eliza-Funeral private. No flowers pieces but donations if you wish to Cancer Research.

STEVENSON - Dougla STEVENSON - Douglas suddenly at home on 1st August aged 70. One-time a Corporate Vice President of ITT worldwide. Well loved hushand and dearest friend of his wife Beryl, caring father of Rosemary, Ian and son-in-law David, devoted genedicather of Rockel and james. Funeral private.

STRAUSS - Peter Louis William of Hammersmith, London, on Angust 6th, died peacefully after a short iliness aged 73. Husband of Virginia and father of Simon, Richard, Toby and Quentin-Funeral Service Mortlake Crematorium, London, on Tuesday August 13th at 1.30pm. No flowers please, donations if wished to Imperial Cancer Research Fund or Trinity Hospice, London clo F.W. Paine, 468 Chiswick High Ecod., We Chiswick High Road, W-

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THOMSON - Margaret Monics Causemon, in Edinburgh on 4th August 1996, after a long battle travely fought, Monica (Ade Grosvenor Stewart), beleved wife of Geoffrey, dearly loved mother of Angels and Sarry and respected and loving Gramy and Grost-Gramy. Private burial in Lanswade Cometery, followed by a Thanksgiving Service at St John's Causch, Calbeith, at 245 pa on Monday 12th August 1996 to which all relatives and friends are invited.

DEATHS THOMSON - Peter Champion on Sunday August 4th at Felmingham Old Rector Care Bome, aged 80 years Very dearly loved husband of Barbarn, fether of James Bobin and Richard and a much loved grandinther Funeral Service at St Faith? Crematorium, Norwich, or Sounday August 10th a Saturday August 10th at 1.30pm. Family Rowers only please. Donathous if desired for the Aixhelmer's Disease

VARLEY-Thomas Arthur, QSO, OBE, EPPSM, Fifire E(Life), formerly Dominion Chief Fire Officer New Zealand, died at Walkense aged 94 on August 6th placethilly after a coursecous fight against cancer. Beloved husband of Evelyn (Effie) and much loved and respected father of Andrey, Derek, Benda and David. A loving grandfather and great-grandfather. Formeral 12th August 11 am in Walkense. Enquiries to Prosser, PO Box 300, Walkense. A Memorial Service in England to be arranged.

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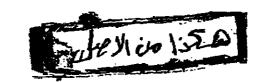
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# **OBITUARIES**

Raymond O'Malley, University Lecturer in Education at Cambridge, 1961-76, died on July 25 aged 86. He was born on August 15, 1909.

ONE of the early pupils of F. R. Leavis at Cambridge, Raymond O'Malley was one of that committed group of educators for whom, in the celebrated words of Keats, "English ought to be kept up". Through teaching posts at Dartington Hall School before the war and at Cambridge after it, as well as through his work for Scrutiny, his membership of the editorial board of The Use of English and his own publications, he propagated the idea that the study of English and its literature was at the very heart of the civilising process. Like Leavis, he believed that English (as opposed to Classics) should be the cornerstone of university studies in this country.

He produced a number of works in harness with Denys Thompson, the founder of the periodical The Use of English (under its original title English in Schools). Yet one of his most interesting books, One-Horse Farm which appeared in 1949, had, ostensibly at least, nothing to do with the weightier preoccupations of the Leavis school of critics.

At the outbreak of war, because of his pacifism — always robustly expressed — O'Malley had to give up his teaching post at Dartington and, like many conscientious objectors, was not ordered to work on the land, as an alternative to going to prison. This he chose not to do in the lush pasturelands of Devon; he elected instead to till a small croft in the Highlands of Scotland, at Achbeg near the Kyle of Lochalsh. Even by Highland standards, such a farm in a remote valley whose poor soil was often at the mercy of the torrential downpours which afflict the region was at the very margins of a region whose agriculture

was, at best, at mere subsistence level. One-Horse Farm recounts the story of how he and his first wife, Dorothy. whom he had married in 1936, triumphed over, first, their own ignorance and then the hostility of the elements and the hard-favoured land. Since the rugged terrain precluded the use of modern farm implements, tillage was achieved mainly by man or horse power. Hay and the cereal crop were mown with a scythe and the latter was threshed with a stick, Yet, though One-Horse Farm is an

apparently unvarnished account of the daily struggle for existence seen through O'Malley's eyes, the experience came to have a philosophical dimension, as the man of 20th-century sensibility and education accepted the challenge of plying a centuries-old mode of husbandry. The book gave rise to considerations of the value of modern technology and mass culture, and asked by implication whether they did not perhaps militate against the fundamental vitality of an older sensibility which was in closer touch with Raymond O'Malley was of Irish 1930s.

RAYMOND O'MALLEY



parentage. His parents had settled in England in the early years of this century and he went to school in Brighton. He then went up to read English at Trinity College, Cambridge, At Cambridge he came under the influence of F. R. Leavis and took a first class degree.

Although with this qualification he might well have pursued an academic career within a university environment, he chose instead to become a schoolmaster and trained as an English teacher at London Day Training College. He then applied for a teaching post at Dartington Hall School, the progressive Devon educational establishment which was at that time in its early days. One of the other applicants for the post was W. H. Auden, but subsequent generations of Dartington Hall pupils always felt grateful to the headmaster, W. B. Curry, for his wisdom in choosing in O'Malley a man who was to become one of the school's most inspirational teachers.

In the meantime Leavis had recruited him to the pioneering literary periodical Scrutiny, to which he was to

The quarterly journal English in Schools was founded by Denys Thompson in 1939 and in the following year O'Malley joined the editorial board, as did Boris Ford and David Holbrook. The magazine led a somewhat precarious life during the war years and was eventually taken over by the Bureau of Current Affairs in 1949 when it was renamed The Use of English. The war years were, anyway, a time of very different activity for O'Malley, who spent four years, in all, on his West Highland croft.

When the war was over he returned to his Dartington teaching post and he was for a time deputy and then acting headmaster of the school. At Dartington, his crofting experiences found their way into talks on crop rotation to geography and biology classes. Meanwhile, the manuscript of One-Horse Farm, "tried out" on some of his older pupils, demonstrated to them his concern for the survival of the organic community, thus bringing vividly to life their studies of authors such as D. H. Lawrence, and their reading of the critics of the Scrutiny

His first wife died suddenly, shortly and two sons.

after their return to Dartington. In 1949 he married, secondly, a musician Pamela Hind, who taught the cello on Imogen Holst's music courses.

In 1959 he went to lecture on education at Southampton University where he stayed for the next two years. In 1961 he was appointed University Lecturer in Education at Cambridge. He was also for the five years, 1972-77, Director of Studies in English at Selwyn College. He finally retired in

Following his book on his wartime crofting experiences, O'Malley began to publish his chosen field, education and English. With Denys Thomp-son he published the five volumes of English I-V which appeared between 1955 and 1960. This was a new course book which encouraged the reading and understanding of literature through an innovative and imagina-

tive selection of texts. There was also the poetry anthology Rhyme and Reason (1957), also a joint venture with Thompson. This was notionally aimed at readers of 15 years and upwards, though O'Malley in fact disliked compartmentalising in this manner and never "talked down" to younger readers in his selections. On the same terms Poetry I-IV, an anthology for middle schools, which came out between 1961 and 1963, was also a joint venture with Thompson. Its subtitle, The Key to the Kingdom, indicated the central importance both men attached to poetry at a time when the craft of verse writing seemed increasingly under threat in an age becoming overwhelmed by prose, both written and spoken, of a frequently low

In a different sphere was O'Malley's edition of selections from the writings of the 19th-century sociologist Henry Mayhew, entitled London Street Life (1966). In the following year he published *Introducing Chaucer*, an introduction for schools. *Precis and* Comprehension (1964) became one of the educational standards, and O'Malley was asked completely to rewrite it as Comprehension and Summary in 1970.

A Junior Anthology of Poems in four volumes appeared in 1966, and was aimed at the younger child. In addition, his time in the Western Highlands had given him a deep knowledge and love of the Gaelic folk songs of that region, which, as time went by, he extended to folk song of all eras. He contributed a chapter on the subject entitled Flowers in the Valley to Boris Ford's nine-volume The Cambridge Guide to the Arts in Britain (1991).

In his home life in Cambridge music was always to the fore. O'Malley had himself taken up the flute from the age of 30, and students and visitors to his house could always expect - besides conversation on a host of subjects - to be treated to a record recital from his collection and probably to some unaccompanied Bach from his wife Pam, to round off the evening.

Raymond O'Malley is survived by

# ARUNA ASAF ALI

Aruna Asaf Ali, Indian political activist, died in Delhi on July 29 aged 88. She was born in Kalka, Punjab, on July 16, 1909.

THE socialist route chalked out for india by, first, Jawaharial Nehru and, subsequently, Indira Gandhi, led to the slow marginalisation of the pro-Western, Anglicised Indian élite. The vacuum was filled by an emerging rival elite imbued with the progressive ideas and displaying a marked tilt towards the Soviet

Union.
Straddling the area of consensus between the left wing of the ruling Congress Party and the opposition Communist Party of India (CPI), this new body of opinion formers exer-cised considerable influence over cultural life and political decision-making in Delhi from the 1950s to the late 1980s.

Along with such influential individuals as V. K. Krishna Menon. Romesh Thapar. D. P. Dhar, Mohan Kummaramangalem, and Rajni Patel, Aruna Asaf Ali was a prominent figure in this charmed circle.

Aruna Ganguli (as she was known before her marriage) was born to a Bengali family in Kalk, a small town in the Himalayan foothills. She was educated at the Sacred Heart Convent in Lahore but emerged as a non-conformist almost from the beginning. In 1928, at the age of 19, she broke with Hindu convention and married Asaf Ali, a Muslim lawyer, who was some twenty years her senior.

A vivacious socialist who moved back and forth between the Congress Party and the CPI, Aruna Asaf Ali shot to prominence during the Quit India movement launched by Mahatma Gandhi against British rule.

On August 9, 1942, while the top leadership of the Congress was imprisoned, she dodged a formidable police cordon and hoisted the Congress flag at the Gowalia Tank Maidan in Bombay. It was an act of audacity and exemplary courage and transformed her into a heroic symbol of the movement. She evaded arrest and became an important underground functionary of the Congress, travelling extensively throughout India.

After Independence in 1947, Aruna Asaf Ali was made president of the Delhi unit of the Congress Party. She identified herself with the socialist ction led by Javanrakash Narayan and broke away traveller during the Cold War. children.

from the Congress in 1948. Encouraged by Nehru and Krishna Menon, she ventured Her disagreements with the into publishing. With Narayanan as her editor. Aruna Asaf Ali became the Congress tended to be somewhat unfocused and emotional, prompting Nehru to describe her as "a disturbing publisher of Patriot - a daily and disconcerting individual" who "does not fit in easily into newspaper from Delhi - and Link, a news magazine. Both publications aimed at projecting a left-wing, prothe usual pattern". Nehru's assessment was

Indo-Soviet co-operation, such as the Afro-Asian Cultural

borne out when she, along Soviet viewpoint. For its part, the Soviet Union was generous in its patronage of both Patriot and with her companion Edatata Narayanan, broke away from the Socialist Party in 1955 to join the CPI. The very next year, after Nikita Khru-shchev's denunciation of Sta-Link. Bulk purchases by Moscow bolstered the actual insignificant circulations of lin at the 20th Party Congress, these publications within she rejoined the Congress India. Party and was elected the first After the disintegration of Mayor of Delhi in 1958. It was

the USSR, which also coincidthe only official post she ever ed with the marginalisation of the Indian Left, both Aruna Her resignation from the Asaf Ali's papers fell on hard CPI did not diminish her times and each ceased fondness for the Soviet Union. publication. Always a loyal friend of the Active in the network of organisations promoting closer

Soviet Union, Aruna Asaf Ali was awarded the Soviet Land Nehru Prize in 1955 and the Lenin Prize for Peace in

Movement, the All-India Peace Council and All-India Women's Conference, she be-Her husband predeceased her in 1943. They had no came the archetvoal fellow

# DAVID HOLLAND

David Holland, CMG, economist and central banker, died of cancer on July 25 aged 71. He was born on May 31, 1925.

AFTER working as an Oxford academic and Whitehall economist, David Holland was head-hunted by the Bank of England from the Foreign and Commonwealth Office in 1975. He was recruited in order to help to strengthen the bank's senior economic team.

Starting as deputy head of economic intelligence, he went on to become deputy head of the overseas department. Thereafter he took charge of the international division, in the aftermath of the subdivision of the overseas department.

When he retired in 1985, following ten years in Threadneedle Street, the bank's own house journal described him as having one of the best minds of his generation. At one point he led a team whose work on analysing the European markets won it a reputation among central banks as being the world's most authoritative on the subject.

He was among the first to demonstrate the monetary risks of large off-shore markets, long before the Mexican debt crisis in 1982. He went on to chair an international working group on inter-bank mar-

kets and to play a leading part in formulating policies follow-ing the 1983 financial crisis in

Hong Kong.

At the same time he was recognised as having expert knowledge of the North American and Japanese economies. After retiring from the Bank at the age of 60, Holland was snapped up by his former chief Lord Richardson, who had retired as governor of the Rank two years before, and installed as executive director of the Group of 30 - a new influential think-tank containing some of the world's lead-

ing central bankers. As such, Holland coordinated the group's seminal studies on settlements and

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clearances after the 1987 stock market crash. He then produced his own series of reports which monitored the progress made around the world in Taunton School implementing the group's recommendations - designed to set new international stan-

dards. He was also later involved as a consultant in the early stages of planning Crest. the new electronic settlement system for British and Irish securities markets. But then David George

IN NEED

Holland might be said to have been born to international finance. He came into the world in Genoa, where his father was an executive of the First National City Bank of New York, and began his

education in Italy. His father then died, and Holland returned to this country with his mother who sent him to

From there he went up to Wadham College, Oxford, to read politics, philosophy and economics. The Second World War interrupted his studies and he left to serve as a captain with the Royal Corps of Signals in India and Burma.

Returning to Oxford, once he had been demobilised, he went on to take his expected first two years later.

In 1949 Holland joined the Oxford Institute of Économics and Statistics, carrying out research and also teaching at his old college Wadham and at Balliol. He stayed there for 13 years before taking up an appointment at the World Bank in Washington, including a six-month tour in India. His return to Britain in 1965

was prompted chiefly by Har-old Wilson's general election victory of the previous year. Like many others with left-ofcentre views, he was attracted by what was then seen as the dawn of an exciting new age.

The Labour Government, for its part, was also anxious to recruit a new generation of gifted young civil servants to Whitehall. Holland spent two

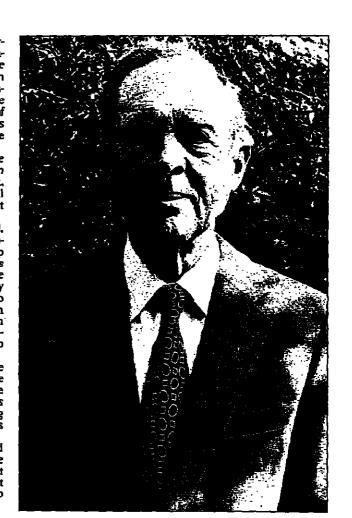
years at the Ministry of Overseas Development before winning promotion to the the Foreign and Commonwealth Office as chief economic adviser. It was from there that he was poached by the Bank of England in 1975. He was appointed CMG that same

Holland retired from the Group of 30 at the age of 65 in 1990. He continued to work, however, as a consultant until after he had turned 70 last

Despite a first-class mind, David Holland was an unassuming person with a sharp sense of humour and powers of persuasion which were almost legendary. He rarely told subordinates what to do but quietly made his own suggestions - at times even playing devil's advocate helping them eventually to reach their own conclusions.

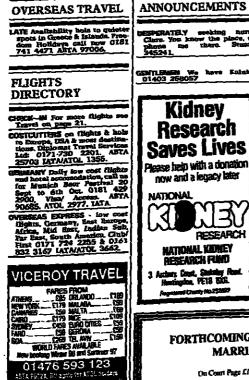
He had a voracious appetite for work, which left him little time for recreation. When he was able to get away from his desk, he most enjoyed walking in the Chilterns near his country home. David Holland is survived

by his wife Marian, whom he married in 1954 after first meeting her on a tennis court in Oxford, and by their two sons and a daughter.



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Roses all the way It is a sad fact of horticultural life that the beginner who is more in need of advice, whether it be about rose growing, or anything else, seldom buys a book on the subject or even

borrows one from the local library. So, thinking this week about roses, I would suggest to anybody about to plant some rose beds or borders, buy or borrow Leonard Hollis's book Roses (Collingridge), 25s. With roses at today's prices, he might easily save himself the cost of the book several times over.

I propose to offer some advice to readers who have moved house and wish to grow roses, and to those who, although they have had a garden for some years, have now decided to make roses a feature of it. First, know your soil. There is a common belief that roses do best on heavy clay.

Certainly they like a good rich, retentive loamy soil, but there are clays too heavy and sticky even for roses unless they are improved by working in opening material - manure, peat garden compost—any organic material that will improve the soil texture. At the other end of the scale, we have the light, quick draining soils, and they too need similar treatment with copious mulching, and watering in dry spells. On such a soil I have found an application of one to two ounces to the square yard of

## ON THIS DAY August 8, 1970

This article was written by the late Roy Hay, for many years the paper's Horticultural Correspondent.

superphosphate in spring in addition to two applications of a general rose fertiliser, very

Next one must consider the question of disease susceptibility. Some varieties are highly resistant to disease, almost immune. others are very prone to mildew, black spot, or rust. But also the locality in which you live has a bearing on this subject. In towns and cities where the air is well laden with sulphurous and other impurities, diseases are usually no

Gradually the rose growers are noting in their catalogues whether a variety may need protection against this or that disease. I wish

they would all be as forthcoming. On this question of disease, the placing of roses in any particular garden has a bearing on the liability to disease. If the garden is enclosed by walls, hedges, trees or shrubs, and there is no through current of air, the roses-and many other plants-may be vulnerable to disease. Plant your roses in the most open, airy and sunny part of your garden. The reason is that disease spores germinate and enter the pores of the leaves under warm and humid conditions. In sheltered corners the early morning dew sometimes does not lift until midday, giving the disease spores plenty of time to germinate. You hardly ever see disease on a standard rose because the foliage dries off quickly in the morning. If you are growing roses for the first time, go

for the varieties that have stood the test of time and which you will find in almost every catalogue—hybrid tea varieties like Super Star, Wendy Cussons, Pink Favourite, Fragrant Cloud, Peace, Mischief, Stella, Piccadilly, Rose Gaujard, Prima Ballerina, Chicago Peace and Pascali. If you prefer floribunda roses, you could wisely choose from the following: Iceberg, Evelyn Fison, Queen Elizabeth, Elizabeth of Gfamis, Orange Sensation, Orangeade, Pink Parlait, Aligold, Europeana, Dearest, and Paddy McGredy.



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# Warning: ear plugs needed

By HARVEY ELLIOTT

THE decision by Thomson. Britain's leading tour opera-tor, to tell the unvarnished truth in its new brochures, has come too late to prevent two young couples having their holiday in "tranquil, unhur-Fuerteventura being ruined by blaring disco music.

karaoke and quiz nights just a few yards from their bedroom. Had they booked now for the same holiday next summer they would have been warned in the brochure to "pack your ear plugs". But last year chartered surveyor Edward Flude from Brighton expected to find peace and quiet. When, instead, his party was kept awake by loud entertainment immediately outside the bedroom window he took the company to Brighton Crown Court, claiming almost £1,000 compensation — and won.

Mr Flude told the court he and his wife Amanda, together with their friends Adrian and Julie Roskrow, had chosen the Dunas Caleta Club Apartments in Corralejo because the brochure described it as the "perfect relaxing holiday" and that it was renowned for the "tranquillity of local life".

Ideal, the two families believed, for their two very young children. But their peace and quiet was shattered. the court was told, when the disco around the pool began in 'sunbed quizzes" were held. The noise went on until midnight and as the bedrooms overlooked the disco area sleep was impossible.

"It is difficult to fall asleep when you are forced to answer questions such as 'What was John Wayne's real name?" Mr Flude told the court. "Children tend to wake up early and it is most wearing if you are unable to even think of going to sleep until things a wonderful time.

BRITAIN'S cheapest hotel

chain is looking to undercut

high-flying rivals at Heathrow

The French-owned Formule

I chain opens its fourth UK

hotel - near London City

Airport - next month, and is

now looking to open near

Heathrow as well as in north

London. The company char-

ges £19 to £22.50 a night for a

room which can sleep up to

The price compares to aver-

age rates of £48 a room

charged by airport hotels in

London last year, according to

industry consultants Hor-

Formule I first opened in the

UK five years ago with plans

for 200 properties, but admit-

ted it blundered in building

where no one could find them.

al estates in Peterborough and

Stockton-on-Tees, and on the

The latest property, at Bark-

ing, Essex, is five miles from

London City Airport and is

The format will be the same

due to open on September 13.

outskirts of Doncaster.

Its three hotels are on industri-

three people.

airport by at least half.

Airport hotel



quieten down after midnight

every night.
"Inside the apartments is was impossible to escape the music until it ended at midnight most evenings with the DJ's rendition of We are the

as we live," Mr Flude said.
"We had to keep the apartment bedroom windows shut to try to cut out some of the noise. We could, however, still hear every tuneless screech and found the heat in the apartments unbearable. My wife's many requests to the DJ for less volume as the babies could not sleep were met with

Eventually, they were moved to another apartment but not, they claimed, before the holiday had been ruined a view with which the judge agreed and granted them their

Thomson says that the brochure had been written before the disco had been set up. In the following year's brochure the description was amended so that it described the "lively atmosphere", the "non-stop entertainment" and the poolside music and entertainment.

Now the apartments are featured in the Skytours brochure and customers are advised that they could find themselves near the bar, "so light sleepers pack your ear

further still with a blunt warning that customers should expect lots of fun, night life and possibly noise. We are sorry the two couples had a bad time and this is precisely why we have introduced our new warts-and-all brochure. We hope that everyone who goes to the apartments will know what to expect and have



# Plea to open Silk Road to China and the East

By David Churchill

CHINA and other Asian countries are under pressure to cut red tape to allow tourists greater freedom to travel the historic Silk Road, which linked China to the eastern end of the Mediterranean.

Delegates from 25 member nations of the World Tourism Organisation (WTO). a forum for global tourism issues, has now called for an easing of travel restrictions and the speedier granting of visas at a meeting in the Chinese city of Xi'an. This city was traditionally the starting point for Silk Road merchants making their way to the West.

"The Silk Road is the world's longest thoroughfare, stretching more than 12,000km from China to Europe," says Harsh Varma, the WTO's Asian representative. "Through tourism we intend to revitalise for the nations of Asia some of the wealth that resulted from trade in silk. spices, gold and gems during the times of Marco Polo, Ghengis Khan and the

Emperor Tamerlane. The WTO is hoping that Asian national tourist bodies. Western tour companies. hoteliers and others will take part in promotions to highlight the history and sights that the Silk Road has to offer. Already a tourism roadshow promoting China is due to visit the UK next month to draw travel agents' attention to attractions such as the Silk Road.

Japanese tour companies have developed a 55-day Silk Road tour costing \$11,000 (£7.143) from Xi'an to Istanbul.

because of the demand. Nick Laing, managing director of Steppes East, a specialist UK tour company, predicts that the "Silk Road will gain greatly in recognition in 1997, much as Moscow and St Petersburg have established them-selves in the cultural tour of Europe over

Many Silk Road tourists will, of course, only be visiting part of the route at any one time. Steppes East offers a 10-day journey covering the three most important Silk Road cities of Russian Central Asia — Samarkand. Bukhara and Khiva, all in Uzbekistan - from £1,250 per

person. Steppes East: 01285 810267.

# Competition hots up to entice skiers

By Graham Duffill

COMPETITION to secure never been so hot.

rival checks in tor, began producing preview brochures in March and mopped up valuable large group bookings. All the big operators such as Thomson, as when the hotels launched to fanfare in 1991, with Airtours, First Choice, Neil-Formule 1 claiming to be son and Inghams followed, Britain's first automatic hotel. and many of the specialists Customers use credit card including Ski Esprit, Ski the check-in and are allocated a American Dream, Ski Independence and Simply Ski room number. A six-digit code brought their brochures out punched into a keyboard gives

French and Bulgarian resorts.

In addition. America and

Canada have begun to take

off as serious ski destinations.

As a result inghams is offer-

ing the biggest programme of

its 62 years with 97 resorts in

Il countries, 19 of which are

new resorts mostly in America

Careful comparison is

needed, particularly between

access to the hotel and morn. early to keep up.
The early booker can The hotels have just two choose from an array of small managers and part-time incentives. Ski Thomson of-John Ozinga, the UK operafers a free place for a child tions manager, denied that the sharing with two adults in six British are not struck by hotels resorts on certain departure with self-cleaning toilets and dates, and one free place in eight for adult group book-ings. Crystal has some free child places in America, Ausshowers and no restaurants "We have more of a problem getting people in than keeping them." he said. "We have a tria, Italy and Andorra, and very good file of regular two lift passes for every one clients, such as sales reps."

and Canada.

Two-thirds of clients are on business, with nearly half spending at least one night a week in a hotel. Six out of seven are male.

The Barking hotel will undercut rivals including Travel Inn. Ilford, which charges £35.50 per room per night and even the YMCA in London Docklands, which costs £20

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Skiing California-style: America is now a top destination

specialists such as Ski the American Dream, which has been selling to the US for 25 years, mass market operators like Crystal and Airtours, who have been there for a few years, and those who have rushed to get the hot destinations in their brochure and who had little choice but to pick up what accommodation was left by the others. Ski Thomson, which used to be number one, let its ski pro-

reverse. gramme wither, a decision it across the Alos.

is now doing its best to

season to push the market up

Neilson believes families will return to skiing this

> by 15 per cent. It has split its growth with 16 new resorts between America and Cana-da, and typical family resorts in Austria. Italy and France. Every company seems to have rediscovered the child, thought about the needs of parents and scattered nannies

# takes over Budget

TRAVEL NOTES

Thomson

IRELAND'S biggest tour op-erator. Budget Travel, has been bought by the Thomson Travel Group after approval was granted by the Irish Government. Budget was part of the Granada Group and sold 150,000 holidays a year. Its name will stay.

A clear idea

HOLIDAYMAKERS booking at the last minute are to be "matched" with the resort which will suit their tastes under a scheme designed to remove uncertainty from late breaks. First Choice has introduced Late Choice which, for a £10 premium above the discounted rate, gives an indication of the type of ac-commodation and resort.

Choose a project

A TOURISM programme devised by the the Kalash people of the Hindu Kush, and one by the Wensleydale Creamery visitor centre in North Yorkshire are among projects vy-ing for the 1997 Tourism for Tomorrow awards,

Sponsored by British Airways, the awards are designed to encourage a responsible environmental management of tourism. Other projects entered include one to save Kenyan sea turtles.

# No such thing as a free ride

PLANS to reduce the number of cars which dog roads leading to Heathrow and cause hundreds of passengers to miss their flights are being thwarted — by the taxman. BAA, the airport operator. wanted to give away bus, tube

or train passes to encourage

thousands of airport staff to

BY HARVEY ELLIOTT

use public transport rather than cars to get to work. But the Inland Revenue issued a warning that employees' tax bills would rise if it did.

Yet car park passes provided by airlines, shops, restaurants and other employers at

Heathrow - which are worth, on average, about £300 each ~ are not subject to tax. Environmental groups describe the ruling as "ludicrous".

The company is now paying for additional local bus services - and the number of passengers has doubled since the scheme began last year.

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# Air travel is a bargain

world is becoming a more affordable place for travellers comes with the publication today of a survey which shows how air fares have plummeted in the past two years. The figures from STA Trav-

which specialises in organising trips for young independent travellers, show how the fares it is offering on scheduled flights from London to all parts of the world have dropped

Flights to Australia and New Zealand are now more than £100 cheaper than two years ago and fares to the Far East have dropped by an average of £60. The biggest cut has come in Europe as the European Commission encourages an "open skies"

There is tremendous competition in the marketplace as more people travel and most of them shop around for the best deals," says Gillian Smith, STA's marketing manager. "As a result, airlines have been forced to bring down their fares and negotiate cheaper deals with us. especially as they regard our travellers of the future."

The company, which or-ganised flights for 50,000 travellers eight years ago, now

FURTHER proof that the sends 350,000 abroad each year and reports that the Australian market has seen the greatest growth. It faces strong competition from sev-eral other travel companies,

especially in the summer when fares drop below £600. European airlines have been forced to cut fares, initially under pressure from airlines such as British Midland and more recently from nofrills services offered by EasyJet and Debonair.

The South of France, which used to be a premium route, is now available at bargain prices with flights to Nice from £49 and Air Liberte charging £99 return for its new services from Gatwick to Bordeaux and Toulouse.

London has become "an Eldorado for the purchase of discounted tickets", according to Hugo J. van Reijen, a Dutch expert on air fares. There are 140 different airlines in London which are selling their tickets via agents or directly to the public at special prices," he writes in his new book. Why Not Fly Cheaper?.

The cheap tickets are also available in other European capitals. In London, however, competition is the strongest, and as a consequence the prices tend to be the lowest in

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# Palermo fights Mafia image

BY TIM WARE

FOR CENTURIES, when ration programme, spending Sicily was at the political and economic hub of the Mediterranean. Palermo compared favourably with Rome, Milan and Venice in the richness of its buildings. But decades of Mafia interference, government incompetence and corruption changed all that. Since the Second World War the city has been a sad

shadow of its former self. Now the Mayor, Leoluca Orlando, who came to power three years ago with 75 per cent of the vote secured on an anti-Mafia ticket, has em-

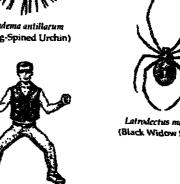
barked on an extensive resto-

about three billion lire (about £126 million) on reviving the Palermo economy and buildings. One of the most ambitious projects is the restoration of the 3,000-seat opera house, which celebrates its centenary next July.

The Mayor's anti-Mafia stance comes at considerable personal cost to himself and his family. Two weeks ago a package was placed in the garden of his villa. The device was exploded by remote control and turned out to be harmless but the message behind the incident was clear.

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I harlie, the four-yearold daughter of a good / friend, has a winning and effective - way of asking questions. She waits until you have made some perfectly logical statement and then with a smile and a slight upwards inflexion in her voice

asks simply "Why?"
Her crisp method of challenging even the most strongly held belief could usefully be sed to question some of the more irritating, bizarre and unnecessary rules and activities of the travel industry and its regulators. For example:

Package tour operators insist that you check in at least an hour and a half and sometimes two hours before departure, so ensuring long

queues. Why? abandoned public address announcements in favour of televisions, guaranteeing that someone will be in the bar or the bookshop when the flight is due to leave. Why?

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☐ When a flight is late, there is never anyone available ac-curately to explain the reason. The air traffic controllers seem get blamed for everything. Why?

☐ Passports are checked at least three times, yet Britons pride themselves on being able to freely leave their home country. Why?

☐ Golfers and skiers seem to be able to load any amount of kit into the hold without penalty while the ordinary passenger would be charged excess baggage for such extravagance. Why?

☐ The stampede for duty frees means that everyone gets on board with far more than the one item of hand baggage allegedly allowed, Why? ☐ Customs and Excise flatly refuses to allow duty-free goods to be collected on arrival rather than on departure, adding to the above problem and potentially endangering

the aircraft. Why? Once on board, the cabin www.inform passengers that there is a life vest under the seat with a whistle and a tube to refill it - even though no passenger has ever had to use

Once the aircraft has stopped everyone immediately



stands in the aisle with their hand baggage, even though the doors will not be open for another five minutes. Why? ☐ Tour operators employ reps who speak in a strange singsong and seem trained to treat passengers like idiots. Why? Many of the more popular but cheaper hotels do not provide beach towels, even for use at their own poolside.

D'Guests are always told to check out before noon, even if their flight is at midnight and no further guests are expected.

The bus to the airport will leave at least four hours before departure - even though it may still be the middle of the night in the resort. Why? ☐ Almost without exception, all foreign holiday airports are hadly designed, overcrowded and uncomfortable. Why? ☐ Refreshment counters close

heaving with delayed passengers. Why?
☐ Many airlines, especially charters, do not employ their own staff in resorts. They claim it is too expensive and are then surprised when their local agent either hides or is besieged by angry passengers demanding the one thing they

rigidly at a fixed time, even

though the airport may still be

are incapable of giving — accurate information. Why? ☐ However short the flight and whatever time of the day or night, all airlines are convinced that their passengers need feeding. Why? ☐ Instead of distributing the

luggage among all the carou-

sels in the arrivals hall, four or five flights have to share the only one working. Why? ☐ Few of the above questions need bother anyone holidaying in Britain, yet nine million of us will head off on a foreign package tour this year. Why? The travel industry should address these questions and

more like them, soon - or I'll

set Charlie on them.

# Bargains of the week — take a Jeep through Turkey, raise a glass to Munich

# HOTELS

ESCAPADE en Champagne" is a three-night package available at the Hotel le Bristol in Paris until the end of the year, including a oneday escorted tour to Reims to visit the cellars of the Veuve Cliquot champagne house, along with lunch and a bottle of champagne. Price, based on double occupancy, is Fi7080 (about [044) per person. Details: 00331 53 43 43 25.

A 20 per cent discount on the standard rate is available until the end of the month at Ashdown Park Hotel in East Sussex. The summer rate is available on any Sunday to Thursday night (excluding the bank holiday) from £99,20 per room based on two sharing. Details: 01342 824988.

■ TWO 40-room Travel Inn budget hotels open this week at Dunstable in Bedfordshire and Bispham, near Blackpool. Both are next to Beeleater restaurants. Rooms which can accommodate up to four cost £35.50 per night. Details: 01582 414341.

■ THE Franklin Hotel in Knightsbridge is offering champagne, strawberries and English tea as part of its "balmy summer breaks" promotion until the end of the month. Rooms are priced at £140 including VAT instead of the normal E175 plus VAT. Details: 0171-584 5533.

■ BARCELONA'S Conrad International Hotel, voted the city's best by more than 700 travel agents, has a "summer dreams" offer until the end of the month of £27 per person per night plus VAT, based on a three-night stay. Details: 0990 445806.

■ GUESTS staying with Inter-Continental Hotels' "summer spectacular" programme until September 3 will not only get special rates at 58 European hotels (up to 50 per cent off in some cases) but also a voucher worth \$50 (about £33) celebrating the group's 50th anniversary this year which can be used towards a future leisure stay at any of the 180 Inter-Continental hotels worldwide. Details: 0345 581444.

A £500 deposit secures a place at the Chester Grosvenor's eight-course gourmet dinner to be held on New Year's Eve 1999, with a fine wine for every course from different decades of the 20th century, along with champagne and a 1900 Armagnac. The price is £1,500 per head and 15 people have already booked. Details: 01244

THE Excelsior Hotel Ernst in Cologne is offering the "ultimate business programme" until December 7 with a welcome fruit basket and wine, a detailed street map of the city and free use of the business centre with secretarial and translation services, Price is DM330 (about £140) per night for single occupancy. DM440 double. Details: 0800 181123.

THE Murrayshall County House Hotel and Golf Course in Perthshire offers one night's accommodation and one round of golf for £62.50 per person. Details of this and other golfing breaks from Crystal Premier Golf: 0181-390 8513.



### PERRIES -

FREE Le Shuttle tickets are on offer with standard return bookings made by August 15 through Thomas Cook. With every economy ticket bought (£109 or £129) customers receive a free day return. The standard return must be used by August 31 - the free ticket can be used between September 9 and December 12, excluding October 19-27,

SEA France has limited numbers of tickets available for £79 return on Dover-Calais this summer, or £39.50 one-way sailings. Details:

SCANDINAVIAN Seaways is discounting £20 per adult, £10 per child off motoring holidays to Germany and Scandinavia. Reductions apply to all August and September holidays. Details: 0990 333222.

■ MINI-CRUISES from Portsmouth-Bilbao are available with P&O European Ferries from £59, depending on the time of year. The price is based on two travelling and includes cabin. £20 supplement for window cabins. Details: 0990

■ HOVERSPEED day trips are selling at £39 for a car and up to five passengers on Dover-Calais (£10 supplement on Saturdays) until September 9. The Folkestone-Boulogne route costs £35 (£45), available through Driveline Europe. The company also has day trips on Sea France, sailing Dover-Calais, for £15 per car and £4 per passenger until August 31. Details: 0181-324 4000.

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### \*\*\*\*\* FLICHTS

AIR UK has one of the lowest fares to Edinburgh. From August 19 its new service from London City to Edinburgh is launched with a £49 return (£33 return for children) fare with no minimum stay restriction. Details 0345

■ BOOK a full-fare £234 return ticket with World Airlines between London City and Amsterdam and qualify for free car parking and a night's free hotel accommodation on arrival. Details 0171-287 6000.

DEBONAIR has combined its Luton to Düsseldorf express and Munich services with a single flight but its low one-way fares remain as before, £39 to Düsseldorf, £49 to Munich. Details 0500 146200.

■ EUROSTAR and British Midland have introduced rail-air interchange tickets between London, Brussels and Paris, Prices start at £169 one way but if you book a return ticket you qualify for a further free Eurostar ticket usable at a later date. Details 0990 300003.

■ LUPUS Travel has cut-price business-class fares with Alitalia to eight Italian cities provided your stay includes a Saturday. Rome or Florence, for example, cost £298. Details

■ BLUEBIRD Express has a low £379 fare to Johannesburg during August and September flying with charter airline Caledonian. Book today. Details 0990 320000.

### HOLDAYS

TENERIFE for a week for £269 a person in selfcatering accommodation with a flight from Garwick next Tuesday is available from Page & Moy. Details: 0116-250 7116.

FISHERMEN eager to enjoy National Fishing Week from August 17 to 24 can still find properties with fishing facilities available from Blakes Country Cottages, including a house on Loch Awe for £515 for up to four people and one on the Norfolk Broads for £673 for up to six people. Details: 01282 445097.

■ JEEP safaris through Turkey, including mountain walking and rafting, are available for a week from August 17 and 31 from Accommodation Overseas for £299 a person, including hotel and tent accommodation and half board. Flights extra. Details: 0181-977 2984.

■ SAVINGS of £50 a person on two-centre holidays in Bavaria, departing Heathrow on August 17 for eight days in Regensburg and Munich, are available from Moswin Tours. Prices now start at £608 a person, including half-board accommodation and excursions. Details: 0116-271 9922

■ CRYSTAL Lakes and Mountains is offering 11-night holidays in Austria for the price of seven, £239 a person, with flights from Gatwick, Glasgow and Manchester on August 17 and 24, with bed-and-breakfast accommodation. Details: 0181-399 5144.

■ BANK Holiday breaks in country guest houses in the Lake District for £72 a person including two nights' full board and picnic lunches are available from Countrywide Holidays. Details: 0161-446 2226.

■ NILE cruises for £469 a person for a week with full board and excursions are available from Goldenjoy Holidays with flights from Gatwick on August 23 and 30 and Manchester on August 24 and 31. Details: 0171-794 9767.

■ ITALIAN city hotel prices are being cut by 20 per cent by Room Service, with a double room with breakfast at a family-run hotel in Rome now costing £27 a person. With return flights available from £139, a week's holiday costs £328. Other deals available in Florence, Siena and Venice. Details: 0171-636 6888.

TOUR du Mont Blanc walking holiday. departing on August 26 for 15 days, is still available from Exodus for £620 a person, including return flights and tent accommoda-tion. Details: 0181-675 5550.

■ FUERTEVENTURA for a formight for £309 a person in self-catering accommodation with a flight from Gatwick on August 28 is on offer from Inspirations. One week also available. Details: 01293 822244.

TOURS to the Munich Beer Festival are being organised from £169 a person by Top Deck, with departures between September 19 and 30 for six to nine-day bus and camping holidays. Details: 0171-370 4555.

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### NEWS

### Clinton hails 'stunning' Mars find

President Clinton saluted as "stunning" the discovery that life may have evolved independently on Mars.

Promising to pursue the discovery through further missions to the planet — the first will be launched in November — the President announced that a science summit would be held later this year to discuss the finding. If confirmed, he said: "It will surely be one of the most stunning insights into our world that science has ever uncovered." ..... ....Pages 1, 3

### Short claims Labour could lose

Tony Blair suffered his worst political blow since becoming Labour leader when Clare Short, a member of his Shadow Cabinet, openly voiced doubts over whether his party would win the next general election. Miss Short had been demoted by Mr Blair in his front-bench reshuffle two weeks ago .... Page 1

### Tramp released

A tramp was released from a prison in Brittany after apparently being cleared of raping and murdering the Cornish schoolgirl Caroline Dickinson. The French police investigation is now in disarray...

### A new ball game

The England and Pakistan cricket captains will toss to decide which ball to use before the start of the second Test match between England and Pakistan......Page I

### Inflation watch

The Bank of England told Kenneth Clarke, the Chancellor, that he must raise interest rates "sooner rather than later" to keep the battle against inflation on ....Page 2

### Judgment day

Vicars, traditionally answerable only to God, are asked to sit in judgment on each other under guidelines being drawn up by the Church of England ...... Page 4

# Tea and sympathy

Domenico Forte, owner of a tearoom, won a battle with the mighty Forte chain that had tried to stop him running his business under his own name...... Page 5

# Bank at fault

A branch of the National Westminster Bank in King's Lynn apologised to business customers after overcharging them by up to

### Mob invades office

Nine anti-roads protesters were arrested when a mob forced its way into the office of the head of London Underground after a protest in Trafalgar Square in support of a Tube strike ......Page 8

### Chester of yore

Deva, the Roman Chester, was the largest fort in the country. It covered 60 acres and boasted the largest amphitheatre. Clearly, something pretty important was going on here...

### Indonesian puzzle

There are two subjects that President Suharto of Indonesia never discusses publicly: the succession issue, which is causing jitters, and the vast fortune of his children ... ....Page i0

### Grozny set to fall

Chechen rebels were poised to capture the centre of Grozny, the besieged Chechen capital, as Russian troops were driven out of the

### America opposed

America's heavy-handed attempt to impose worldwide sanctions on countries trading with Iran and Libya ran into a storm of foreign . Page 12 criticism...

### Show of force

Amid fears of an upsurge in gang warfare, armed Muslims paraded through Cape Town, warning drugs dealers to halt their trade or risk being killed ...... Page 13

### Jackie O's secrets come to life

A new book, All Too Human; the Love Story of Jack and Jackie Kennedy, discloses lurid details of the lives of the late "royals" of America: from descriptions of where the young Jackie Bouvier first made love (in a creaking, ascending Paris lift) to the sexual disease that afflicted the former President through much of his adult life.....



Eric the Red, a semi-albino badger recovering at Vale Wildlife Rescue Centre at Beckford, near Tewksbury, meets a new friend. Fleabag

BUSINESS

Economy: British business reacted with alarm to a Bank of England warning that it would push for a pre-emptive rise in interest rates to ensure the Government's inflation target is met...

Cordiant: Peter Rawlins, the former chief executive of the Stock Exchange, has been made European head of Siegel & Gale, the corporate-identity arm of .. Page 23 Cordiant\_

Power: Electricity companies that fail to deliver competition for household consumers face tough penalties... .... Page 23 Markets: The FT-SE 100 index rose 22.7 points to close at 3811.1. Sterling's trade-weighted index rose to

84.3 after a rise to \$1.5422 and to

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### SPORT .... Films of the week: The US boxoffice smash. Independence Day.

Cricket: The conditions for play are much to England's liking at Headingley where they take on Pakistan in the crucial second Test match, hoping to square the ..Pages 42 and 44

Gotf: Tom Watson, the American who has won eight major titles. favours Colin Montgomerie as they prepare for the US PGA Championship in Louisville ...... Page 42 Athletics: Jonathan Edwards, the Olympic silver medallist, won the

Sestriere, but Linford Christie and Colin Jackson had to settle for minor placings ..... ..... Page 44 Rugby league: As the sport tries to spread its wings further, there is optimistic talk of forming a five

nations' tournament...... Page 38

D England and Wales will start mostly

dry with sunny spells Cloud will increase from the West during the day, with showery bursts of rain in the North and West by evening.

Scotland will be bright and mainly dry

at first but rain, already over Northern treland, will break out in western Scotland during the morning. Heavy showers could develop over other areas.

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### more hype than good drama; but The Secret of Roan Inish is full of imaginative fantasy ......Page 31 New releases: Desperado, Cold

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Fever and Clockers are among videos on release, while Hallgrimsson's String Quartets and Tchaikovsky's Piano Concerto No I are recommended buys........... Page 32 Art prizes: The British Gas Properties, Working for Cities Awards. have chosen Antony Gormley's obit controversial sculpture Angel of the North and five other projects as their winners \_\_\_\_\_

Strong star: Harriet Walter turns in a fine performance in Chichester's Hedda Gabler ...... Page 33

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FLY AWAY Final token in our £30,000 Virgin flights competition, with 14 pairs of tickets to Johannesburg to be won

LIFE OR DEATH David Dimbleby on assisted suicide and the family wrangle that has divided America

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# FEATURES

Escape route: Many of the daughters of prostitute mothers in Calcutta are abused. A new centre now tries to keep the girls away from their mothers' clients ...... Page 15 Out to lunch: if you take a proper lunch break in a good restaurant, you do your work more efficiently - and that's official ... ... Page 15

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Dr Thomas Stuttaford on why the state of being a twin of a stillborn baby is described as being a psychological catastrophe...... Page 14 Diagnosing ME: A patient's body and mind need care and neither one is more important than the . Page 14

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### THE PAPERS

Whatever history's judgment of these Olympics, there's credit due to communities with the heart, cohesion and community pride to take on a job such as this - and Atlanta deserves it in full

- The Washington Post

### TY LISTINGS

Preview: Rolf Harris has started something in Back to the Wild Before long there will hardly be an animal hospital in the land that is not being overrun by television crews (BBCI, 8pm) Review: Matthew Bond confesses his guilt at having watched only 32 hours of Murder One ....

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### Signal from space

These tiny fragments from the rec. planet may be the harbingers of discoveries that will profoundly alter our perceptions of the universe and our place in it ..... Page 17

### The guns of Grozny

Russia will not grant independence and the Chechen rebels refuse to be part of Russia. The trick is to establish a lasting truce while searching for a formula that enables bothsides to emerge with some

debate.

Hard choices The young woman bearing twins whose decision to abort one foeus has touched the nation's conscience will have suffered difficulties enough without her position becoming a matter of general

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# COLUMNS V

### **WILLIAM REES-MOGG**

Until this week man could still reasonably believe there might be no other comparable intelligent life in the rest of the Universe. The-Mars discovery makes that absurdly unlikely. If there has been life on Mars, there will almost certainly be varied life on other planets of other stars in other galaxies.

### PHILIP POWELL

The South African "miracle" is part of a public relations exercise. It is a "miracle" that has not reached those who need homes, employ-ment and education. Nor has it reached those struggling to sustain small enterprises .....

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- Russian plane (6). 21 Agree with officer serving por-
- 23 Quickly grab a few notes (6).26 End of ballade delivered in unbroken voices (5).
- 27 Deficit Alice certainly didn't have

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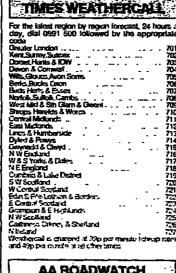
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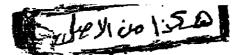
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THURSDAY AUGUST 8 1996

Stage set for public fight between Clarke and George on inflation

# Business alarm over rate threat



George: inflation worry

**ECONOMICS** CORRESPONDENT

BRITISH business reacted with alarm to the Bank of England's warning in its Inflation Report yesterday that it would push for a preemptive rise in interest rates to ensure the Government's inflation target is met.

Ian Peters. Deputy Director-General of the British Chambers of Commerce, said: "Our members do not want any change to the current level of interest rates. To raise them now could endanger the slow but sleady recovery." He added: There are many small firms still struggling and to present them with an interest rate see-saw could push many of them to the wall."

Kate Barker, Chief Economic Adviser at the Confederation of British Industry and a member of the Chancellor's independent forecasting panel, said that it was too early to

in interest rates. "We would not be looking for one this vear," she said.

Nationwide, Britain's seeand biggest building society. said it would have some concern about the effect of a rate rise on housing market confidence, while the Abbey National favoured rates being left alone for now.

Many in the City applauded the Bank's advice but they still believe that the Chancellor may be tempted to cut rates

again. Simon Briscoe of Nikko cheeky Chancellor may cut Europe said that the Bank was hard for the Chancellor to cut rates by voicing its opposition. Nevertheless, he believes that rates are on hold pending further news but that any move this year is more likely to be down than up".

Kevin Darlington of Hoare Govett said politics and the fact that inflation is set to fall rates once more in the hope of repenting at leisure should it help him to secure a fresh fiveyear term. A more open bust-up between the Chancellor and the Governor of the Bank of England is on the cards."

Speaking on BBC Radio. Roger Bootle, chief economist at Midland Bank, said that the Chancellor had been right to push through a quarter point

fall to well below 2 per cent next year. "This tune from the Bank of England is nothing new. They have been singing it for years. Ever since the nound was ejected from the ERM in 1992 most forecasters have been singing the same tune too, namely that inflation would pick up and interest rates would have to rise. And just about all the time they

abroad are expected to pose an increasing constraint on Domestic prices fell, or Governor, should be taken seriously and that raising rates in a preemptive strike against higher inflation would boost the credibility of the Government. Sterling, which has been weakening along with the

house Group, said that the

Bank, where Eddie George is

dollar in recent weeks, was lifted a little yesterday on the Bank's warning. City analysts said that the pound would suffer if the Chancellor were either to cut rates or refuse to raise them when the Bank advises him to do so.

At yesterday's close, the pound's effective index against a basket of currencies had risen to 84.3 compared with 84.0 at Tuesday's close. It gained half a pfennig against the mark and half a cent against the dollar. British wernment bonds initially lost ground after the Inflation Report was published but then rallied along with US Treasury bonds.

### **BUSINESS TODAY**

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Brent 15-day (Oct) \$19.10 (\$19.30)

London close ..... \$388.15 (\$388,45)

# **Electricity** firms may face tough penalties

BY CHRISTINE BUCKLEY INDUSTRIAL CORRESPONDENT

ELECTRICITY companies that fail to deliver competition for household consumers face tough penalties in new licence arrangements drafted by the

Regional companies that delay testing the complicated systems needed to ensure that domestic customers can shop around for electricity will have to put money towards the costs of those companies that estab-

Littlechild, the electricity regulator, comes amid growing concern in the industry that the April 1998 deadline for the delivery of full competition in power will not be met.

Privately, many regional companies say that the systems needed to co-ordinate the ambitious project are not likely to be functional by the date.

panies suggest that some of their peers are more tardy than others in implementing a framework for competition, most agree that the timetable drafted by the regulator is

unlikely to be met.
The Government has told the companies they must deliver competition by April 1998 while Professor Littlechild has been roundly criticised by the industry for not providing sufficient

The regulator's power to amend the licences gives him a strong weapon against an industry that is no longer centrally organised and has to function as though it were to

in the short-term may dictate have been wrong." he said. another rate cut. He said: "The But Richard Jeffrey, chief expected rates to fall. Upturn in orders for manufacturers

seeing improved demand for its products but the experience of different regions is still mixed, according to the Confederation of British Industry's regional trends survey, published with Business Strategies Ltd. (writes Janet

Six out of the II regions covered saw growth in orders

in the last four months, a clear improvement on the previous survey published in May when five out of those six had seen flat, or falling, new orders. In those regions reporting falling orders in the latest survey, the rate of decline was slower than in the

four months to April. are expected to rise in all

regions except the East Midlands over the next four

The CBI said that orders

months and output is expected to increase in all regions. Growth in orders has been concentrated in those regions where exports have increased. The survey said export orders are expected to increase in all regions over the coming four

months, although firms in the

West Midlands, Scotland and

North and Yorkshire - political and economic conditions

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were unchanged, in nine out of the 11 regions, evidence of continuing competitive

industry regulator.

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deliver competition.

Abbey gives half-time dividend boost of 20%

By ROBERT MILLER

ABBEY NATIONAL reported a sparkling to per cent increase, to £558 million, in halfyear profits and promised a further £50 million reduction in costs after the acquisition of the National & Provincial

- Building Society. The former building society turned bank celebrated its record interim results by raising the half-time dividend for more than two million shareholders by 20 per cent. to 8.7p. to be paid on October 7.

In spite of the heavy costs associated with the £1.35 billion N&P takeover. Abbey National reduced its cost to income ratio to 41.6 per cent in the six months to June 30. compared with 44.6 per cent in the same period last year. Lord Tugendhat, chairman of Abbey National, said: "We are on target to achieve a 40 per cent enst-to-income ratio by the end of 1997."

The share price for the distribution of Abbey National shares to former qualifying members of N&P was fixed yesterday at 567.35p. Around £475 million will be distributed in shares to N&P customers, while some ES75 million in cash will be credited directly to the accounts of other qualifying members between August 26 and Septem-

Abbey National's 23,000 staff, including those from N&P, will be given the chance to buy 150 shares each under a special five-year executive share option plan with the share price being set tomorrow. Abbey's shares closed at 587p last night, down 14p.

Retail banking business contributed a 2 per cent increase to group profits, to E321 million, while provision for bad and doubtful debt rose to £49 million, compared with £28 million last time. Abbey National said that 65,000 new bank accounts were opened in the first half of the year, along with the issuing of 80,000 new credit cards since launch in

February.
On the life assurance side. which comprises both Abbey National Life and Scottish Mutual Assurance, pre-tax profits were up 29 per cent. to £o7 million. Consumer credit was up by 153 per cent, at £43 million, reflecting the acquisition of FNFC and a substantial rise in the Abbey Nationalbranded unsecured personal loan assets. The purchase of Wagon Finance, completed on July 2, will add around £350 million in unsecured loan

Abbey National, which now derives 42.5 per cent of its profits from non-traditional activities, announced that its treasury and offshore division produced an 18 per cent rise in

profits to £129 million. Peter Birch, chief executive of Abbey National, called yesterday for a new category of personal financial banks to be launched next year when converting societies such as the Halifax, Woolwich and Alliance & Leicester also become banks. He said: "We are all miles different from banks such as Barclays and NatWest and it will avoid confusion."

Tempus, page 26 and marketing consultant.



Peter Rawlins, who has been working as an independent consultant, is joining Siegel & Gale, the corporate identity arm of Cordiant

# Rawlins secures new job

PETER RAWLINS, who was fired as chief executive of the Stock Exchange three-and-ahalf years ago, has been made European head of Siegel & Gale, the corporate identity arm of Cordiant. He is expected to be paid in excess of £200.000 a year (Jason Nissé

writes). Mr Rawlins received a payoff of £175.000 plus a Renault Espace car when he lost his job after the Exchange cancelled its Taurus settlement system at a cost of £75 million to itself and more than £300 million to the City. His successor, Michael Lawrence. lasted only two years in the post before being kicked out last year.

Mr Rawlins, who was known as Napoleon by his staff, has been filling his time as an independent strategie

# Carlton plans to serve daily diet of TV cookery

By Jason Nissé

FOOD-LOVERS not already sated by a diet of Delia Smith, Rick Sky, Keith Floyd and a host of other chefs performing on British television, will be able to sample cookery programmes for five hours a day from next month.

Carlton Communications, run by Michael Green, is to launch Carlton Food Network. a cable channel available on subscription from noon to 5pm on weekdays. Half of the country's cable

companies have already signed up and Carlton hopes that it will be available to all the UK's 1.4 million cable subscribers when it launches on September 2.

Carlton is investing £5 million in the channel, which is the Independent Television

almost as much as it paid for its existing cable channel. Carlton Select, which shows entertainment programmes. Janet Goldsmith, managing director of Carlton Select, has signed up leading chefs, in-cluding Anthony Worrall Thompson and Brian Turner.

star of BBC TV's Ready Steady Cook, which locuses on haute cuisine.

She is planning a wide range of topics, including how to cook a meal in 30 minutes, celebrities cooking in their own homes, where to buy the

best produce and programmes on health. Carlton is also looking for sponsors but will have to be careful it does not fall foul of

the suppliers of their product

- there has been criticism of Jancis Robinson putting her name to a range of wines launched by Sainsbury and linked to a BBC programme. Jancis Robinson's Wine Course. The influence of TV chefs is

Commission, which polices

the TV industry. Worries have

been expressed about links

between TV food experts and

well-known. Delia Smith, who has yet to be signed by Carlton, caused a cranberry shortage after recommending the fruit in one of her TV recipes. Her recent book on winter food, linked to her BBC programme, featured in the bestseller lists before

and Leslie Silver, agreed to offer him their shares.

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Gilman to

appeal over

Leeds deal

PETER GILMAN, the depu-

ty chairman of Leeds United.

is to continue his fight

against Caspian Group's

E16.5 million takeover of the FA Carling Premiership foot-

hall club (Jason Nissé writes).

lodged an application to the

Court of Appeal, asking for

the right to appeal Mr Justice Rattee's ruling two weeks ago

throwing out his attempt to

block the deal which was

If successful, Mr Gilman,

who owns a third of the

shares, wants to force Caspi-

an to sell him the rest of the

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Mr Gilman yesterday

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# Standard Chartered boosted by Far East

BY ROBERT MILLER

STANDARD Chartered, the to £538 million, from £518 international banking group. yesterday unveiled better than forecast half-year results with a 40 per cent jump in pre-tax profits, to £448 million, after a sharp rise in retail mortgage lending in Hong Kong, Singapore and Malaysia.

However, Malcolm Williamson, the group chief executive of Standard Chartered, which saw its trading profits increase by 31 per cent, to E402 million, gave warning that such buoyant mortgage lending in its Far East operations was unlikely to be repeated in the second half of

He said: "Intense competition in these markets and government measures to calm property borrowing make it unlikely that this rate of growth can continue."

Standard Chartered, which raised its bad and doubtful debt provision to £44 million, from E30 million in the same period last year, largely to cover its expanding loans and advances portfolio, lifted its interim dividend in the six months to June 30 by Ip, to 4.25p. Shareholders are to receive the half-time payout on October 18,

The bank said that, based on the latest headline earnings, the return on ordinary shareholders' funds had risen to 28 per cent, compared with 25.4 per cent previously.

Earnings per share for Stan-dard Chartered were up by 37 per cent, to 27.3p, while the allimportant cost-to-income ratio fell to 55 per cent, against 6! per cent, even though total operating expenses increased

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Mr Williamson said that Standard Chartered's corporate banking business had made good progress, with an increase in trading profit of 22 per cent. Trading profit from the group's treasury business

rose by lo per cent. The credit card arm of the bank, which received a E7 million investment boost during the first half of the year. also contributed to the increase in profits, with the total number of Standard Chartered cards in issue rising by more than 35 per cent and with the newly-entered mar-kets of India and Taiwan

million last time.

proving a success. As well as the 30 per cent increase in trading profits, to Kong division of Standard Chartered, other Asian countries jointly contributed £115 million, against £100 million previously. The Middle East and South Asia operations chipped in £25 million, compared with £5 million last time, while Africa showed a 24 per cent gain, to £26 million. The UK and the Americas provided £83 million, a 26 per

Commenting on the results Patrick Gillam, chairman of Standard Chartered, said: Our strategy continues to be based on the long-term apportunities presented by our fran-chises in Asia, Africa and the Middle East. These are enabling us to expand our core businesses and provide a service to corporate, institutional and personal customers which few competitors can match."

cent rise.



Michael Peagram says that Holliday Chemicals will concentrate on its core businesses and seek joint ventures

# Holliday's head admits mistakes

MICHAEL Peagram, chairman of Holliday Chemicals, admitted that he took his eye off the ball when the Huddersfield company produced disappointing figures last year (Jason Nissé writes).

Dr Peagram promised that the group would concentrate on its three core businesses, of dyestuffs. pharmaceutical products and pigments, and would seek joint ventures to develop those areas.

Holliday made pre-tax profits of £8.2 million in the half year to June, down from Ell million in the same period last year, but up on the £1.1 mil-lion of the second half of 1995. Earnings per share were 5.4p. down from 7.6p, but an increased dividend of 2.1p (2p) will be paid on October 2.

# Granada sells Irish tour firm to Thomson

FROM EILEEN MCCABE IN DUBLIN

THOMSON, the British holiday company, yesterday swallowed whole its main rival in the Irish Republic, Budget Travel, after six months of acrimonious competition.

The price that Thomson

paid Granada Group for Budget was not disclosed. Budget is Ireland's premier holiday firm, with market share of 30 to 40 per cent and turnover of almost IrE60 million last year. Analysts say that Thomson! Budget will have up to 45 per cent of the republic's market. and there is some political pressure for the deal to be put to its competition authority. Budget Travel was set up in

1975 by one of the republic's most dynamic and colourful businesswomen. Gillian Bowler, who became joint managing director after Granada bought the company for Ir£4.5 million nine years ago. She, along with Harry

Sydner, will retain their posts under Thomson ownership. Earlier this year. Thomson burst onto the Irish market advertising the low cost of its holidays. Budget responded by publicly questioning Thom-son's ability to deliver on its promises, and the bitter squabble between the two often made the front pages of

the national newspapers. The

differences now seem to have been patched up. Charles Newbolt. Thomson's

managing director, says that the deal is a natural progression. "We're number one in the UK. Budget is easily number one in Ireland, so now, instead of fighting each other, we're going to be able to direct our energies to offering what Irish holidaymakers want," he said.

Ms Bowler said that Budget would continue to trade under its own brand, which had built up strong customer loyalty.

Last year, another leading Irish holiday group, JWT, was bought by Falcon, the British

## BUSINESS ROUNDUP

# RJB does U-turn on condemned pit

RJB, the company that bought the bulk of British Coal's pits, yesterday did an about-turn on the future of the last deep coal mine in North Wales. Yesterday morning, RJB announced the immediate closure of the Point of Ayr colliery, near Prestatyn. However, by the afternoon, the company changed its mind and offered the colliery to its workforce for £1.2 million. RJB will leave its equipment in the pit if the miners agree to embark on a Tower-style workers buyout.

The 200 miners will consider the matter over the next few-style workers.

days. RJB, which says that the 130-year-old pit made a ES million loss over the past 18 months, believes that they would have a hard task making it viable. Point of Ayr miners keen to accept the challenge may argue that British Coal stated before the Tower buyout in South Wales that Tower was unviable. Tower's miners have since made that pit an internationally recognised success. Point of Ayr had also been condemned by British Coal before a last-minute reprieve in 1992.

# **Chemical Design float**

CHEMICAL DESIGN HOLDINGS, which claims it can help to significantly reduce drug discovery timetables, is to join the Alternative Investment Market with a £1.2 million placing of shares. Durlacher, the company's broker, placed shares at 110p among a range of institutional and private investors. Chemical Design, whose chief executive is Keith Davies, intends to sell its skills in combinatorial chemistry to leading pharmaceuti-cal and biotechnology companies. Dealings in its shares will begin on August 12.

# TDG lower at half-year

INTERIM pre-tax profits at Transport Development Group (TDG), the distribution and hire company, fell from £17.3 million to £15.8 million. A sluggish plant hire market and fower profits in the consumer division were blanned. The company declared an interim dividend of 4p, payable September 4, a lp increase on last year, out of earnings down to 7.42p from 8.19p. TDG said it is re-balancing its dividend between interim and final, so the increased payment does not mean a change in overall dividend policy. Last year it paid a final dividend of 6.5p. Its shares closed down 2p at 205p.

# US firm closed down

AR Baron & Co Inc. an American investment firm that was cold-calling UK residents, has been shut down "to protect investors" after a joint investigation by British and American financial watchdogs. The Securities and investments Board (SIB), the City's senior regulator, said that the US Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) had appointed a trustee to take control and liquidate the firm's assets. The watchdogs had received allegations from investors about unauthorised share trades. The SEC has also commenced proceedings against Andrew Bressman, head of AR Baron.

# Adidas sales hit gold

ADIDAS, the sportswear company, made a pre-tax profit of DM249 million (£108.7 million) in the first six months of 1996. a 56 per cent increase over last year. Sales rose by 28 per cent to DM2.24 billion, with particularly strong sales in Asia-Pacific. Robert Louis-Dreyfus, Adidas chairman, said the momentum of the brand was reinforced by Germany's victory in Euro 96, and by the 6,000 athletes who wore Adidas at the Atlanta Olympic Games. Gold medal winners wearing Adidas included Donovan Bailey, the Canadian sprinter who set the world record in the 100 metres.

# Flying Flowers dismissal

FLYING FLOWERS, the Jersey flowers-by-post group, has dismissed Christopher Body, the director who ran its Bellbourne subsidiary. Flying Flowers said the dismissal was unconnected to Bellbourne's disappointing first-half results, which were hit by restructuring costs. Strong performances from Flying Flowers' core mail order operation and from DPA. its plants subsidiary, helped the group to pre-tax profits of £1.64 million, up 52 per cent. An interim dividend of 1.3op (1.08p) will be paid on October 25 from earnings of 6.15p per share (4.14p).

### Siebe in twin ventures

SIEBE, the engineering giant, is embarking on two joint ventures with GE Fanuc to develop and market industrial automation products. GE Fanuc is itself a joint venture between General Electric of the US and Fanuc of Japan. Siebe's Foxborn subsidiary and GE Fanue will make process and discrete control products. The two partners are also setting up a new company in Germany, GE Fanue Eberie Automation, to develop and sell programmable logic controllers, which control the start-up, operation and shutdown of machinery.

# Applied shares slump

SHARES in Applied Distribution fell 53p to 92p after the contract distributor warned the stock market that its final results would be sharply below last year's. The company made a provision of £1.5 million to cover losses on a contract. Group pre-tax profits were £240,000 (£2.23 million) despite a 54 per cent increase in sales to £28.1 million. Analysts cut annual pre-tax profit forecasts from E5.5 million to E3 million. The interim dividend stays at 1.5p. payable on October 25. Earnings fell 1.op to 3.3p.

# Crown Eyeglass rises

SHARES in Crown Eyeglass rose 25p to 235p yesterday after the USM-quoted spectacle maker said it planned to use its ELOI million cash to buy back up to 15 per cent of its shares. The group, which lifted its pre-tax profits by 50 per cent to £929,000 in the year to March 31, said it intended to move to the Alternative Investment Market in October. Success in Sweden helped sales by 44 per cent to £10.5 million. A final dividend of 8p will be paid on October 17. increasing the total to 12p (10.5p). Earnings grew sharply to 38.9p (24.4p) a share.

# COMMERCIAL UNION

**RESULTS - 6 MONTHS 1996** 

# Good underlying performance

- Interim dividend increased by 7% to 11.45p.
- Pre-tax operating profit of £216m (1995 £248m) affected by an increase of £56m in weather claims in the US and UK.
- Strong life business growth and life profits up 14% to £117m.
- Good growth in profits from France and the Netherlands.

John Carter, Chief Executive, commenting on the results said: "A good underlying performance offset the effect of increased weather claims. Excellent progress continues to be made in France and the Netherlands and strong growth was produced by our worldwide life businesses."

	6 months 1996	6 months 1995
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Total premium income	£4,569m	<i>£4,42</i> 6m
Operating profit before taxation	£216m	£248m
Profit on ordinary activities before taxation (i)	£280m	£275m
Profit attributable to shareholders	£178m	£204m
Operating earnings per ordinary share	20.0p	26.40
Interim dividend per share	11.45p	10.70p
Shareholders' funds	£3,990m	(ii) £4,074m
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The 19% interim report will be circulated to shareholders on 30 August 19% and copies can be requested from the Shareholder Relations Service at the address below or by telephoning 0171 283 7300 ext 28866.

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### Argent pays | Australians £15.3m for to sell more retail park power sites

Argent, the property group. Park from the Prudential for £15.3 million. The current rent is £1.2 million, approximately E9.30 per sq ft. Argent's shares were unchanged at 348p, valuing the company at £210 million.

### EIS purchase

EIS, the acquisitive engineering group, is paying £1.15 million for RD Taylor & Co. a Glasgow company that dis-tributes chemicals, oils and adhesives for the aircraft and defence industries. EIS said Taylor would complement its existing businesses.

### Cowie deal

Cowie Group, the car dealer that has moved into running buses, is paying £4.5 million to acquire Lathom Van Hire. Half the price will be paid in cash, with the remainder a mixture of cash and loan

## Trio job

Trio Holdings, the money broking group that lost £11.8 million last year, has appoint ed John Thomson as finance director. He replaces Peter Moore, who will become a non-executive director from

# Correction

Allders is buying eight Owen Owen stores for £23 million (Tempus, August 6). This will bring its total number of stores in the UK to 30. Allders department stores turnover last year was £310 million.

# FROM RACHEL BRIDGE THE state government of Victoria, Australia, intends to sell

five more power stations over the next two years in the light of the "wonderful" price of A\$2.35 billion (£1.17 billion) that it received from National Power for its Hazelwood power station. Jeff Kennett, Victoria's pre mier, admitted yesterday that

the Government had valued the I600MW power station at just A\$700 million before the sale, and had even considered closing it a few years ago. Describing it as the state's oldest and least efficient brown

coal-fired station, Mr Kennett said: "Not only have we ensured it will stay open and provide employment, but we have gut a wonderful price that will reduce our debt further.

National Power led a con-

sortium made up with the US utilities Pacificorp and Destec Energy to buy the power station, which is situated east of Melbourne and comes with its own brown coal mine. British electricity companies have played a key role in ensuring the huge success of Victoria's huge electricity privat-isation — modelled on the UK's sell-off — which has so far reaped A\$13.6 billion for the Government, more than twice the amount expected by analysts.

A consortium led by PowerGen paid A\$2.4 billion last month for the nearby 1450MW Yallourn power station. Southern Electric and Scottish Power were also early bidders for some of the state's live distribution companies.

# Hultman reinstated as Leonard leaves

# Eurotherm battle ends

By Alasdair Murray

to continuing the company's

growth. Mr Hann is expected

THE bruising boardroom bar-Leonard, with the support of tle at Eurotherm, the electronthe non-executive directors. ic components group, was resolved yesterday with the reinstatement of Claes Hultforced Mr Hultman to resign after disagreements over the direction and management man as chief executive and the structure of the company. But the company's leading instituresignation of Dr Jack Leonard, co-founder and chairman tional backers intervened in support of Mr Hultman and Dr Leonard, who has been have helped to construct the

with the company for 31 years. new agreement, in which Dr is to be replaced by Sir James Leonard will leave. Mr Hultman said he was Hann, currently chairman of Hickson, the chemicals com-"delighted" to be back at the company, adding that the executive team was committed

The battle for control of Eurotherm erupted at the beginning of July when Dr to review the board, which includes two non-executive directors who voted for Mr Hultman's departure, although further resignations are unlikely in the short term.

Mr Hultman, who is also non-executive chairman of Wembley, has been credited with turning Eurotherm round in the live years since he joined the company. Profits have grown, from E5 million to E34 million last year, while the share price has risen from 130p to a high of 645p. The shares rose 15p to close at 565p

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☐ Banks ride the Far East boom ☐ Airtours sees supply and demand balance ☐ Scottish grouse seek EU subsidy

ONE can only hope they are not whistling in the dark, these banks who are convinced that Hong Kong will be as profitable in a year's time as it was a year ago. But investors might do well

The banks are having a good interim reporting season, but HSBC, owner of the Midland, and Standard Chartered stand out from the pack. What has buoyed both up is their profits from the Hong Kong residential market. HSBC saw a 25 per cent rise in profits from its Hong Kong banking operation: Standard Chartered's chief executive. Malcolm Williamson, said that Hong Kong "remains a key contributor to group profits", as well he might. Trading profits from the colony rose by 34 per cent on a 12-month comparison. to £153 million.

Profits from home loans rose by 38 per cent in the first half, the main growth areas being Hong Kong. Singapore and Malaysia. Intense overheating on the last two property markets has prompted government moves to calm property borrowing, and Standard accepts that the growth enjoyed so far cannot continue. But the bank says it will be business as usual in Hong Kong once the Chinese gerontocracy takes over next year, even claiming that the end of British rule would actually benefit Hong

Hot property in Hong Kong

Kong's standing as a world financial centre. The omens for residential property, however, are not good. Prices were largely static during the 1980s but rose sharply thereafter, according to figures from one large surveyor. Between 1989 and 1995 values increased by almost three and a half times. No property market can sustain such growth forever, and one like Hong Kong that is staring into the 1997 abyss must accept the strong chance of a serious

In this country we have learnt since 1989 just what such a cor-rection means. Standard insists its mortgages on residential property are limited to 50 to 60 cent of the value of the property. But consider this scenario. Civil unrest sparks a military crackdown, and sends property values plunging. Too many Hong Kong citizens in negative equity have no financial stake in staying, and every reason politically to leave. So the property market plunges further

The counter-argument is that Peking, owning large tracts of land in the colony already and

with its half a dozen regional exchanges in chaos, will need access to outside capital raised through Hong Kong and sees every reason to preserve stabil-ity. The word the optimists use a

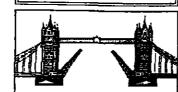
lot is pragmatism. But Peking has always tempered pragmatism with rigid authoritarianism. Investors can have no more idea how the Chinese will react to any defi-ance after 1997 than did those Chinese citizens who opposed the tanks in Tiananmen Square.

### Welcome break for holiday firms

☐ PICKY lot, aren't you? You don't like the Greek islands because they aren't as cheap as the Costa Brava. You won't go near a French gite again, not after the last time when the plumbing packed up and the locals spent the fortnight gawping over the cypress hedge. Sri Lanka is full of Tamil Tigers, Florida is full of muggers. Even the cheap joys of camping are starting to pall.

The travel trade says that in a

PENNINGTON.



year when there are fewer and more expensive holidays on sale, the public is becoming more selective. But the firms themselves are not complaining, and neither is the City. Airtours yesterday announced a 16 per cent fall in bookings but its shares rose on the stock market. The company and its rivals have arrived at their ideal destination,

where supply matches demand. Last year it is doubtful if a single tour operator made any money from pure package holi-days; instead the profits came from the travel agency arms they mostly own. The number of holidays on offer was cut this summer by 1.5 million, the average price rose by £60, and all those people who travelled on E99 packages to the Med last year will have to stay at home. The trade is promising not to add extra capacity into the market for next summer, but the industry does not have a good track record on self restraint. In the past, market share has been all, even at the expense of profits, which is why the capacity cuts

this year were so unusual. There is one reason why they may again hold the line. The Office of Fair Trading report into their ownership of travel agencies may go either way, but firms will certainly have to be more careful about informing the consumer. A higher proportion of profits in future may have to come from the package holidays themselves, rather than the selling of them.

### The moor the merrier

□ SCOTLAND is clearly ready to be an independent small nation within the European Union. with all the Franco-German bribery that brings. Just four days before the Glorious Twelfth — epicentre of Britain's silly season - a report from the Game Con-servancy Scottish Research Trust issues a dire warning that grouse-shooting is at risk without subsidies from taxpayers.

Shocked Scottish landowners have found that, in spite of heavy losses, their moors do not get Whitehall support or qualify for European Union grants. London is notoriously mean towards basic industries. So Brussels is surely the place to demand subsidies, in the greater cause of harmonising avian death across this great continent of ours.

A lyrical Scottish Landowners

Federation spokesman enthused: The grouse in the heather, the salmon in the river, the stag on the hill, should all be part of the wild life in unspoilt country that are an attraction to make a great Scottish holiday". Quite so. Wigan Wakes Week would never be the same without them.

The sport has, it seems, been in steep decline because someone has been killing the birds. In five years to 1994, income fell 60 per cent while costs rose 40 per cent, squeezing finances to the thickness of an anorexic game chip.

Field sports, says the SLF, should be supported along with

agriculture and forestry.

Better sing Brussels a protectionist tune. Scottish grouse are being undercut by Eastern birds. The nightmare of cutprice Germans jumping into four-wheel drive Dacias and heading for slaughter in Transylvania should bring out EU wallets. If not, rely on lottery money.

### Wrong kind of rail

☐ NO one emerges with any credit from Labour's latest rail privatisation "scandal", the sale of Eversholt Leasing, Labour's Glenda Jackson has fingered the likes of Candover Investments. the Royal Bank of Scotland and Hanson, for whom in a previous incarnation she made a well-remembered commercial, as making huge donations to the Tory cause and then picking up the company on the cheap.

Alas, Labour seems to think that RBS owns Legal & General. another donor to Tory funds. Furthermore, Hanson has no connection with Eversholt except through a former director who is chairman of the latter in a private capacity. Careless; except that the information was handed to Labour by the Department of Transport itself. It may be August, but there must be someone still awake out there.

# CU plays down notion of bid for rival insurer

By Marianne Curphey

COMMERCIAL UNION is predicting further consolidation in the insurance sector following the merger of Royal Insurance and Sun Alliance. However, at the presenta-

ion of yesterday's interim Lesults, Peter Foster, the composite's finance director, played down suggestions that CU was about to acquire a rival insurer. "CU is not an acquisitive company by nature and the candidate would have to be a good business at the right price and fit with our existing strategy," he said. CU's current strategy was to develop the life business internationally and improve the quality of its general insur-

CU announced that it was performed

increasing its dividend in spite worldwide life operations. of a dent in first-half profits which account for 43 per cent caused by weather losses and of business, were up 14 per bomb blasts. Pre-tax operatcent, to £117 million, with a ing profit fell by £32 million, to particularly good perfor-mance from Delta Lloyd in the £216 million, in the six months to June 30 after weather claims in the United States Netherlands. Overall, new life annual premiums increased and the UK increased by £56 by 30 per cent and single million. The Docklands and premiums by 10 per cent. Manchester bombs caused a

John Carter, chief executive, said that CU was actively further £9 million loss. Strong performances from looking to develop new life operations, with the emphasis the composite's operations in France and the Netherlands on Eastern Europe and Asia". Mr Foster said he expected failed to offset the general insurance losses, and profits the life sector to grow quickly, for the general insurance secparticularly in Europe, and tor were £173 million for the could envisage a time when six-month period, compared life business accounted for a with E236 million last year. larger proportion of premium However, the life sector strongly: the acquisition of a mutual life

insurer in the UK, but said prices were high at present. CU believes that private motor premiums in the UK may rise slightly this year. while household rates have fallen 10 per cent and commercial rates are, on average, 5 per cent lower than for the same

period last year. The interim dividend has been increased from 10.7p per share to 11.45p, although the earnings per share has slipped from 26.4p to 20p. At June 30. Commercial Union had worldwide total assets of £57 billion, and additional funds under management of EIO

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John Carter, chief executive, who said that CU was seeking new life operations

# **GKN** warns of tough times on the Continent

By CHRISTINE BUCKLEY, INDUSTRIAL CORRESPONDENT

GKN, the defence, automotive and industrial group, yesterday gave warning that poor sales in continental Europe for its automotive parts are likely

But the company, which owns Westland helicopters, said it is more optimistic of the potential of other markets, such as the Far East. A generally flat showing from its automotive division held back interim profits bouyed by a sound performance in aero-space and industrial interests such as Chep, its jointly owned pallet husiness in Australia.

The company pushed up pre-tax profits 11.3 per cent to 181 million in the first half of 1996. But its shares languished as the market struck a note of caution over the group's mixed prospects.

GKN, which last year fit ished a programme of divestbusinesses, is now lining up a spending programme to bolster its three main divisions of automotive and agritechnical products, aerospace and special vehicles and industrial services.

Sir David Lees, chairman, said the company has a war chest of at least £500 million to spend on bolt-on acquisitions and expansion of existing

operations. GKN's spending power would come from its cash pile of £252 million and the prospect of gearing up the balance sheet. Top of the list for development would be activities such as the Chep pallet business and the movement of

its automotive driveline division into new areas.

The share of profits from automotive and agritechnical products fell to 57 per cent (68 per cent), while aerospace and special vehicles rose to 22 per cent (15 per cent). Industrial services grew to 22 per cent (17 per cent). Sir David said automotives may see some further decline but would not fall below a 50 per cent

contribution to group profits. The interim dividend, payable October 18, was lifted 9.7 per cent to 0 fip.

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# **Liberty Int** in pension venture

By Sarah Cunningham

LIBERTY International, the South Africancontrolled financial services group, is planning to launch a pensions company this year to sell its products through shopping centres such as Lakeside, in Essex, and the MetroCentre, Gateshead.

Liberty owns 72 per cent of Capital Shopping Cen-tres, which operates the MetroCentre. Lakeside, and the Glades. in Bromley, and the Harlequin. Watford. Liberty has cash of £556 million after selling its half-share in Sun Life last year.

The new company will also look to enter the corporate pensions market. Its launch will be in the last quarter of this year, David Fischel, Liberty managing director, said. Liberty will invest an initial £50 million in the pensions company.

A strong performance by CSC, which reported sharply higher profits this week, fuelled a 12 per cent rise in Liberty's pre-tax profits, to £56.1 million, in the half year to June 30. A 7.25p interim dividend, up from 6.6p., is due on October S.

# Salomon sells mortgage arm

By Anne Ashworth

SALOMON, the American banking group, has ended its ill-fated foray into the UK home loans market with the sale of The Mortgage Corporation Group (TMC). First National, the Republic of Ireland's largest building society, is paying £53 million for the 10-year-old business. a centralised lender without a branch network.

The next stop for the ambitious First National may be the acquisition of a UK building society. John Smyth, chief executive, also said that he did not rule out becoming a bank.

TMC, which has 25,000 borrowers, will be merged with Mortgage Trust. First National's existing UK subsidiary based in Epsom, Surrey. The move trebles the size of the society's UK assets to £1.7 billion, but First National will still have less than one per cent of the UK market. The Mortgage

Corporation name, which grown synonomous with the sometimes unsympathetic treatment of borrowers in arrears, will disappear. The current Office of Fair Trading investigation into TMC's methods will, however, continue. This was provoked by complaints from 300 TMC

Although First National is paying £33 million more than TMC's book value, Mr Smyth believes that he is getting "good value for money, with potential for earnings enhancement." He said: "TMC's loan book has a good geographic spread and the arrears situation is satisfactory, with the bulk being covered by indemnity insurance." The variable mortgage rate for TMC customers is 7.99 per cent. one per cent more than the 6.99 per cent charged by Mortgage Trust.

# Fewer breaks add up for Airtours

By MARIANNE CURPHEY

SHARES in Airtours, the tour operator, rose 20p to a 52-week high of 551p vesterday after the company said that cutting the number of holidays on sale and raising prices appeared to be paying off. The optimism also lifted the share prices of First Choice and Inspirations, two rival operators.

UK tour operating profits for the three months to June 30 were up £3.9 million to £10.9 million. Harry Coe. financial director, said holidays were currently selling for an average £290 per person, compared with £230 this time last year during the worst summer trading for ten years.

Just over one million holidays are estimated to be unsold at present. In July and August last year nearly three million were dumped on the market at very low prices, most operators failing to break even on many holidays. In order to prevent a repeat of 1995,

UK tour operators this year raised prices by 9 per cent and cut capacity by 10 per cent. Around \$5 million holidays were on sale at the beginning of 1996, 1.5 million fewer than last year.

Airtours said summer 1996 bookings were 16 per cent below the previous year, although some of this was due to the reduction in capacity. Profit before tax for the quarter was up 47 per cent to El9.7 million (1995: El3.4 million) on turnover of £485.2 million (1995: £361.6

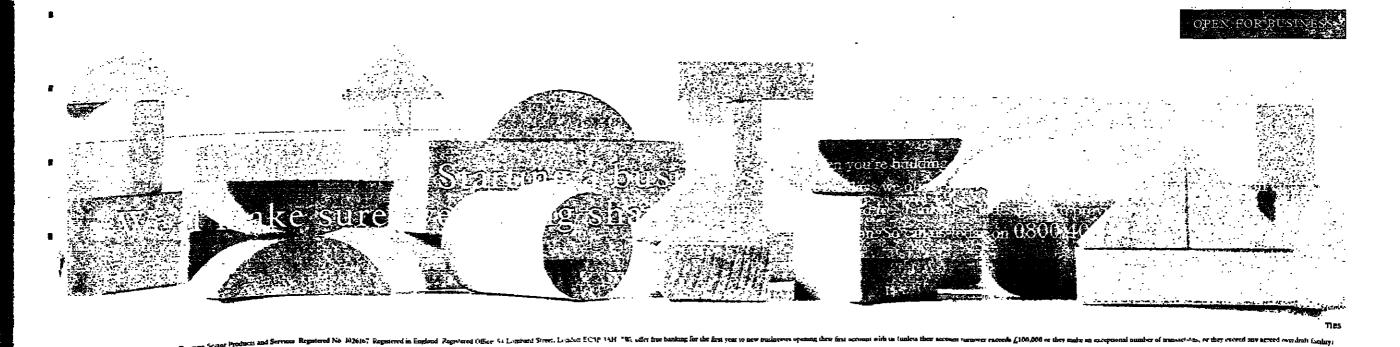
Profits from Airtours' Scandinavian operations were up by £1.7 million to £5.0 million and the company is stepping up its expansion into Canada

by buying Alba, a large Toronto regional tour operator for £10 million in cash. It already owns Sunquest

Vacations in Canada

Mr Coe said bookings for 1996-97 showed significant increases over the previous year and he expected rival tour operators to maintain the number of holidays on sale for next year at 8.5

million, rather than increasing them. Carnival, the largest cruise company in the world, holds a 29.6 per cent stake in Airtours and the City believes it will eventually make a full bid.



STOCK MARKET



KAREN ZAGOR

# Reuters shares surge on talk of Reed takeover bid

rumours that Reed Elsevier, the Anglo-Dutch publishing and information group, is planning to announce a major acquisition or merger plan today when it releases its midyear results. Reuters closed 22p higher at 729p, with the rumours more than compensating for the stock going ex-

Pearson, which was also the subject of the Reed Elsevier rumour, firmed 9p to 654p. The shares have been strong since Monday's interim results and news that Pearson had sold its Westminster Press business to Newsquest for more than expected. Reed International, which jointly owns Reed Elsevier, added 21p to 1.150p. Reed is expected to unveil solid pre-tax profits when it posts its interim results today.

Elsewhere attention turned to the Bank of England quarterly Inflation Report. The market has been waiting all week for the report, but when it arrived traders found they had already anticipated most of the comments. The report's cautious view of interest rates left traders unmoved.

Ahead of the Bank of England report, the FT-SE 100 moved above 3,800. It held on to its gains throughout the afternoon to end the day at 3.811.1, up 22.7 points.

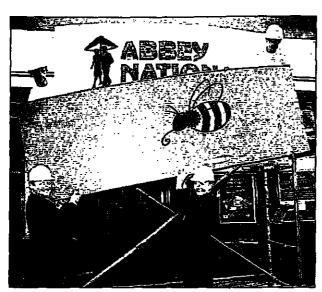
Equities might have ended even higher, but some midmorning losses on Wall Street took the wind out of the UK market's sails.

"The UK market could get squeezed higher, but I don't trust it," said one trader, noting that volume was not substantial. "It's a very tricky market and things could move very quickly when more people come in."

Blenheim, the exhibitions company, languished at 413p. down 4p. Earlier in the year shares soared on speculation that Reed was about to bid for the company, but so far Reed has not confirmed its interest.

Also in the publishing arena Metal Bulletin added 63p to 1063p, setting a high for the year, after reporting a 39 per cent improvement in first-half profits. Emap, which has a 21 tin, rose 22.5p to 685p.

Share buybacks continued to be a trading theme. Crown Eyeglass was one of the biggest risers of the day, climbing 25p or 12 per cent to 235p after



All change: Lord Tugendhat, Abbey chairman, left, and Peter Birch, chief executive, rename a branch. Abbey shares fell 14p

revealing that it hopes to gain approval for a 15 per cent share buyback.

On the other hand, the absence of a buyback contributed to a 14p decline in Abbey National shares to 587p. Although Abbey posted a 16 per cent improvement in first-half profits, news that the bank does not plan to embark on a buyback programme hurt lysts to increase earnings forecasts for the year.

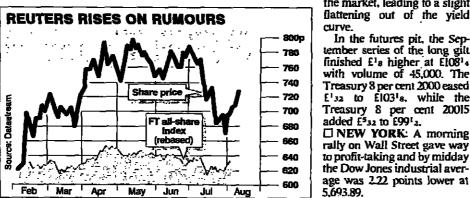
Also in the banking sector, shares in Bardays continued to benefit from Tuesday's announcement of another share buyback operation. It closed at a new high of 900p, up from its previous high of 8725p a day earlier. Meanwhile HSBC continued to benefit from its Monday interim re-

Shares in Trocadero hit a high of 74p, up lp. as rumours intensified that Coca-Cola and Pepsi were seeking to get involved. The London Trocadero centre is scheduled to open Sega World, a virtual reality theme park, next month. Shares in the company have traded as low as 45.95p this year.

prices. Traders also noted that the stock was subject to profittaking. Abbey this week completed its merger with N&P. the old National and Provincial building society.

Profit-taking also took a bite out of Standard Chartered shares, which fell 13p to 699p. The company's interim figures were at the top end of expectations, prompting several anasults. Shares added 170 to 1,155p.

There was good news for British Petroleum, which had been awaiting European approval for its planned marketing partnership with Mobil, the US oil giant. News that the deal had been approved added 3.5p to BP's share price to 606.5p. Airtours advanced 20p to a



company's purchase of Canada's Alba Tours International, which is expected to make solid contributions. ICI moved 10p higher to 79op. Some traders attributed the rise to rumours of a pending share buyback, while others noted that there was speculation that ICI might

year high of 551p after report-

ing sharp gains in third-

quarter profits and noting that

winter bookings were signifi-cantly ahead of last year. The

company's strong interim re-

sults prompted analysts to

upgrade their carnings fore-

casts for the year. Analysts were also bullish about the

merge with a German company, perhaps Schering. Bids were in the air in the water sector, where traders noted that a number of stocks have good yields and were offering good value. Severn Trent, up 18p at 597p, and Wessex Water, up 8p to 348p.

mentioned. Electricity companies also moved on expectations of more bids. East Midlands advanced 14p to 597p, London Electricity was 18p higher at 638p and Southern gained 21p to 682p. Northern Electric firmed 14p to 548p after announcing plans to increase its dividend by at least 7 per cent

were among the candidates

Volatility continued at British Biotech. formerly the stock market darling. Yester-day profit-taking took its toll and the shares eased op to 220p. An analyst's "sell" rating on the stock contributed to the erosion.

Among other biotechnology issues, Chiroscience slid 11p to 369p as bid hopes flagged, vhile Celitech Inst 10p to 540p. Dampened bid expectations also led to a 4p drop at Cadbury Schweppes to 516p.

GILT-EDGED: The Bank

of England's latest verdict on inflation hit the short end of the market, leading to a slight flattening out of the yield In the futures pit, the Sep-tember series of the long gilt

finished £1s higher at £10814 with volume of 45,000. The Treasury 8 per cent 2000 eased E132 to £10318, while the Treasury 8 per cent 20015 added £532 to £9912. □ NEW YORK: A morning rally on Wall Street gave way to profit-taking and by midday

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# TEMPUS

# New habits

ABBEY NATIONAL is no longer safe as houses. It is as safe as planes, trains, and even satellites and petrochemical plants. The expansion of Abbey's treasury operation is breathtaking to behold. Faced with a mortgage market under threat from the big four clearing banks and assorted demutualising building societies. Abbey decided to diversify. and, from a standing start seven years ago, it has built up a leasing portfolio worth £3.8 billion. In the first half, the treasury operation, which now boasts a staff of 300. contributed about a quarter of Abbey's group

Fearful of an Allied-Lyons or Barings type disaster, some timid investors may not warm to the idea of exponential growth in the treasury department. Unfortunately, Abbey is only too alive to their concerns. Last year, the mortgage bank was on the verge of bidding for one of the rolling stock companies sold in the rail privatisation. Had it done so. Abbey shareholders might have been the beneficiaries of the colossal windfall enjoyed by the Porterbrook management buyout team when their company was acquired by Stagecoach.

Abbey was doubtless worried that buying a train set after acquiring the National & Provincial building society might be seen by City dullards as a deal too far. Still, the bank is making money owning the odd satellite orethylene cracker plant, using its balance sheet and tax capacity to extract the 30 to 50 basis-point profit margin from an income stream. Anyone still worried about risk might notice that Abbey has pulled back from the hot mortgage markets while others fight for

### GKN

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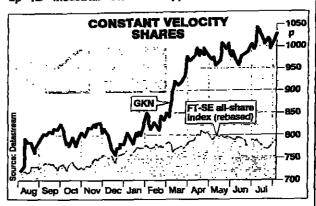
MOTOR component manufacturers make a great fuss these days about the need to be a tier-one supplier. Broadly speaking, that means being someone that ships bits of cars and trucks directly into assembly plants, where they are then stuck

into place. It is useful, therefore, to be reminded of the risks in being so closely linked to one industry. GKN makes almost 60 per cent of its profit from selling constant velocity joints and drive shafts for cars and trucks. Scarcely suprising. then, that profits fell in the first half as vehicle manufacturers destocked. ·

That situation is being corrected — car and truck production should be well up in the US and the UK in the second haif, but cars in Europe will be only marginally ahead. In commercial and agricultural vehicles production is likely to be down. Overall. GKN can expect only a slight pick-up

Fortunately, the company is enjoying a strong pick-up in aerospace and defence. which should continue, and it has plenty of cash to build up its industrial services

business, a market less prone to cyclical downturn. Renting wooden pallets sounds deadly dull but GKN increased the profits of its services division 40 per cent in the first half. From industrial pallets, GKN hopes to expand into recycled food containers for supermarkets. The company is not lacking opportunties.



### CU

RUMOUR is rife over which of the insurance composites will be the next to announce a coupling. Commercial Union has been linked with a number of fellow insurers, and Guardian Royal Exchange, the weakest of the bunch, is touted as the favourite target.

A merger would, however, require a change of policy for CU, which has been building up its life insurance business worldwide in an attempt to balance the volatile profits of general insurance. CU's life business now accounts for more than 40 per cent of total nremium income

Returns in the UK life industry are showing signs of improvement after 18 months of torpor. Delta Lloyd, the Netherlands life assurer, has returned healthy profits and CU is expanding into Pakistan and Poland.

The strategy has worked for CU at a time when general insurance rates have

**DOLLAR RATES** 

been falling; pension and life products offer a steady income stream without the catastrophic losses from hurricanes and bombs.

If CU wants to buy profits. it has enough spare cash for a small UK mutual life insurer. That would provide growth without the burden of the additional staff and computers that Royal Sun Alliance admits is costing it £175 million and months of hard work. Paying a goodwill pre-mium for the privilege of sacking someone else's staff makes little business sense.

# Holliday Chems

HOLLIDAY Chemicals has not been a happy place to be recently. After two profits warnings and the loss of a chief executive, followed by the finance director, the comreassurance.

show a recovery from last

but taxable profits of just £8.1 million still lag those of a year ago. Dyestuffs are in the doldrums and although the generic pharmaceuticals business is performing well. City analysts are worried about the medium-term prospects of a business heavily dependent on large drug companies.

That leaves Michael Peagram, the chairman, with a strong incentive to get it right. Not only does he own 20 per cent of the company, but the rest of the shareholders are unlikely to tolerate further disappointment.

Rapid expansion caused him to take his eye off the ball, but he is now concentrating on joint ventures to boost the international sales of the three core businesses.

With £16 million of profits expected this year, the pany's disgruntled share- shares, up 6p at 136p, are on holders are in need of some a sub-sector rating, which. given Holliday's history, is The half-year figures unlikely to change much.

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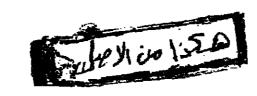
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### Power play at the Games

NATIONAL POWER chiefs were rather taken aback by a spot of corpo-rate hospitality that re-cently came their way. John Baker, chairman, and Keith Henry, chief executive, were both invited to cheer on the British team at the Olym-

pic Games in Atlanta. Their hosts? Southern Company — the US utility which only a few months ago made undesired overtures to bid for the English generator. The invitations were, of course, politely declined.

### Going global

AFTER only a month at NatWest Markets, Dame Pauline Neville-Jones has been promoted to Head of Global Business Strategy. The former Foreign Office political director says she is looking forward to continuing her role in developing the firm's international governmental strategy, while working on more long term issues from September. But this leaves the effervescent dame with even less time to indulge her favourite passions for cooking and gardening. "I was apprehensive to begin with, and it has been a very steep learning curve," she says. But there's one thing I'm absolutely certain about — I'm not bored."

### Cake escape

CHIEF executives and chairmen, hailed as "party poopers", are forsaking the UK to celebrate their birthdays abroad. Sir Richard Sykes, deputy chairman and chief executive of Glaxo Wellcome, turned 54 yesterday, while on a three-week holiday in ter. John Young, chairman of Young and Company's Brewery, was with his step-daughter and four grandsons on the East Coast of the US when he hit 75 yesterday. But John Jackson, company secretary at British Gas. took refuge at home with his two children in Sussex, to mark his 48th birthday vesterday.



"Try to cut down on the Carlton Food Channel."

# Drawing power

AS PART of a study into changes within the public sector. Bristol Business School invited local government and National Health Service managers to express their feelings towards change through drawings. One manager drew football players lying dead on the pitch, while another sketched a sinister figure decapitating a maiden. A chief executive, who found it difficult to produce a drawing at all. wrote "challenge, excitement, fun, humour, communication, and enthusiasm" in great big letters. As an after thought, he added, in tiny letters, anxiety and doubt".

### Tell-tale

PRIZE for the most blatant disregard of client confidentiality goes to sur-veyors DTZ Debeuham Thurpe announcing the purchase of the Royal Bank of Canada Centre by their client, DIFA: The actual price has not been released, but is believed to be over £88 million. What else are they not telling us?

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# ECONOMIC VIEW



ANATOLE KALETSKY

# Bank has been crying wolf but is still worth heeding

Serious questions are raised by its argument that the British economy needs higher interest rates

ublic disagreements between informed and well-intentioned people are one of the essential features of a civilised society. There is nothing alarming or even disconcerting about the criticisms of Kenneth Clarke's monetary policy disclosed yesterday by the Bank of England. In fact, the Bank's decision to air its disagreements with the Chancellor as forcefully as it did in its quarterly Inflation Report should be seen as a sign of the unaccustomed confidence and maturity that Britain's policymakers have started to show in the

management of our economic affairs. Where once decisions on interest rates were made by an arbitrary dictat from the Chancellor or the Prime Minister, there now seems to be a minister, there now seems to be a genuine dialogue between a highly political Chancellor and a very professional Bank of England. This continuous debate between politics and economics has, not surprisingly, delivered better results than Britain's old system of leaving everything to the whim of the Chancellor. To judge by the relative performance of the British the relative performance of the British and German economies, our approach to monetary policy also seems prefera-ble to the German (and European) system of giving dictatorial powers to supposedly infallible bureaucrats. Against that background, there are

three serious questions raised by the Bank's argument that the British economy needs higher interest rates.

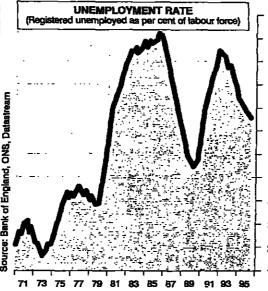
First, is this the considered view of a majority of senior Bank officials, or simply the personal opinion of one man who always seems to favour higher interest rates, Eddie George, the Bank Governor? Secondly, are the risks of weakening the economy now greater or less than the dangers of provoking higher inflation? Thirdly, can the Bank even consider the risks of an economic slowdown, given that its mandate from the Government is to

While the second question is obviously the most important, the others deserve a few comments. Yesterday's call for higher interest rates was based on the Bank's view that the economy is now growing "above trend" (or soon will be). Yet the Inflation Report contained no discussion of what this trend growth rate might be, or of whether the economy is at or below this trend. The Bank's reticence contrasted embarrassingly with How Fast Can the Economy Grow? the excellent report on this crucial point produced for the Chancellor by his panel of independent economic advisers.

Five of the six "Wise People" judged that the economy could grow by about 3 per cent a year for three to five years without generating additional inflationary pressures. By contrast, the Bank's analysis seemed to assume that any growth rate much higher than 2 per cent would automatically produce inflation. The Bank's failure to engage in this all important economic argument rather suggested that the analysis of the Inflation Report was derived from Mr George's demand for a rate

rise, rather than the other way round. The credibility of Britain's monetary framework would be greatly enhanced if such suspicions were allayed once and for all. The way to do that would be for Britain to borrow two institutional ideas from the world's only successful





central bank - the US Federal Reserve Board. The Bank's view on monetary policy should be formed not by an individual, but by a group consisting of senior officials - with their votes recorded and their individual views made public. Even more importantly, the Bank's mandate should also be extended. The objective of monetary policy is not just to control inflation but to do so in conditions of the fullest possible employment and the strongest possible economic growth.

recognise the short-term trade-offs between inflation and unemployment. And interest rates have to be kept in balance with policy on taxes and public reserve army of idle workers would spending. (This is the

strongest economic argument against splitting responsi-bilty for macroeconomic policy between the Government and an independent central bank). The litmus test of monetary policy is how it affects the real economy of employment and pro-

duction. This is why Alan Greenspan and his colleagues at the Fed base most of their judgments not on monetary aggregates and bondmarket expectations but on such downto-earth indicators of economic activity as freight-car loadings, vendor delivery times and payroll employment. It is also why the Bank devotes the great bulk of each quarter's Inflation Report to a detailed analysis of industrial and labour market trends. But as long as the conclusions are expressed solely in terms of achieving inflation targets, the Bank will never overcome the perception that it is biased in favour of deflation and against growth. That brings us to the key question

about the Bank's call for higher interest rates. Has Britain now reached the point in the economic cycle when accelerating inflation becomes a greater danger to long-term prosperity than unemployment and declining growth? Until recently that question was

hardly worth asking. Ever since 1990, the economy has clearly been floundering, unemployment has been unacceptably high and unused capacity has been standing idle for all to see, whether in the form of empty factories streets. The Bank has persistently underestimated the downward pressure that this excess capacity and this

exert on prices, especially after the dereg-There now seems ulation and union reforms of the 1980s. The Bank has twice to be a genuine cried wolf about interest rates in the dialogue between past two years and a highly political has lost much of its credibility as a result. Chancellor and a But in Aesop's fable the wolf did eventuprofessional Bank ally come. So is inflation about to slink

> out of the woods now that the Bank is crying wolf for the third time? My personal view is that the British economy is now in the early phases of a strong upswing, that growth will average well above 3 per cent in the next two years and that inflation will probably accelerate slightly. Of course, there is nothing magical about 3 per cent. The six Wise People notwithstanding, it may well be that Britain today - in many ways a totally different economy from the one that existed in the 1970s and early 1980s is capable of non-inflationary

> growth well above 3 per cent. This certainly seems to be what financial markets now believe. The

Bank's own analysis of expectations in the financial markets shows that investors are increasingly convinced inflation will remain low for years ahead (see top chart). Probably the main reason for this confidence is also cited by the Bank: the reserve army of unused labour is far larger than the unemployment figures suggest. In spite of the sharp fall in official unemployment, the number of people of working age who are not in jobs has hardly diminished since the end of the recession (see lower charts). If labour demand picked up sufficiently, there is every reason to suppose that millions of workers who have taken early retirement, been classified as disabled, or sunk into the black economy, would come back into the market - maintain-

ing the downward pressure on wages. How far unemployment can fall and how fast the economy can grow without triggering too much inflation is something that can be discovered only from experience and economic policy should not restrict growth to some arbitrary "speed limit" plucked off a computer printout by the Bank,

the Chancellor, or anybody else. However, to discover the economy's true capacity for long-term growth it is equally important to avoid any sudden inflationary eruption. Any further reduction in interest rates, therefore, seems unnecessary and risky, especially in the context of a government deficit

that is still far too large. This does not mean, however, that an increase in interest rates would be justified now or any time in the near future. When the time comes to restrain demand the way to do it will be through tougher policies on taxes or public spending, not through a return to high interest rates. Low interest rates should be the lasting reward for low inflation and responsible fiscal policy: that is the real message the Bank should be trying to get across.

# Young guns to lead corporate Britain into 21st century

Des Dearlove on the emergence of a new generation of chief executives

of corporate fashion that chief executives seem to be getting younger. A report published this week makes it official. It confirms the emergence of a new generation at the helm of Britain's top companies.

Today's more youthful chief executive is aged be-tween 39 and 55, and is likely to have reached his first chief executive role earlier in his career than his predecessor. There are signs, too, that the youth culture is accelerating, with the rise of a new breed of 'super CEOs" — chief executive officers — younger still, better educated, with more international experience and a track record that reads like a Who's Who of the corpo-

rate world. The study, carried out by Dr Elisabeth Marx, head of the psychological assessment practice at NB Selection, the recruitment company, looked at 92 chief executives from FT-SE 100 companies — all of them men. The average CEO is 55 years old. with a background in accountancy or finance. He joined his first ple at the age of 30 and became a managing director when 41. In the course of his career, he will have worked for three or four blue chip companies, and will have held a total of eight other positions before being appointed to his current post at

the age of 49. Behind the averages, however, are revealing age differences. Britain's captains of industry fall into two distinct groups the old school, aged 55 to 65 (40 per cent); and a younger genera-tion, aged between 39 to 55 (60 per cent).

Examples from the old school include Sir Brian Moffat at British Steel, aged 57, and Sir David Lees of GKN, who makes way for a new chief executive this year at the age of 60. Those in the cantly younger. But many, according to Dr Marx, aiready have as much experience as the older CEOs. Despite an average age

difference of ten years, the younger CEOs have worked for the same number of companies and held as many positions as their older counterparts, she says. They spent an average of just nine years with each company, where their predecessors might have spent ten or more. They are also more likely to have a degree."

Individuals from this group are also more likely to have international experi-ence, which many commen-tators believe is vital for the leadership task of the 1990s. Dr Marx believes the trend towards the new-style CEO is particularly pronounced in a smaller but significant

The youngest group com-prises CEOs aged between 39 and 45. In spite of their youth, they have worked for more companies than their older counterparts, staying an average of less than five years, have more international experience and, on the whole, are better educated.

Archie Norman, at Asda, and Martin Taylor, at Barclays Bank, she says are classic examples of the 'super CEO". Their arrival at the head of UK companies, she believes, bodes well for the country's competitive position. This collection of "super CEOs", Dr Marx says, make up "a highly impressive group, who strive for breadth of experience and are better equipped to deal with the globalisation of business in the 21st century".

are adept at creating nities, rather than simply moving up the career ladder in the old way. They are intellectually curious and enjoy the risk involved with running a company. These people are real movers and

"Super CEOs" are also more likely to have an Oxford or Cambridge deeree. Overall, however, the study found that the time it takes to reach the top is not influenced by having a university degree, regardless of its origin. Of the 92 chief executives profiled in the study, only 17 were Oxford with a further 44 having graduated from other universities, and the remaining 31 — more than a third of those sampled - having no university education at all.

On the whole, CEOs educated at Oxford or Cambridge seem to fare better when it comes to additional roles, such as non-executive directorships, suggesting the "old boy network" is still



Standard Life and demutualisation

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### Plea to restore link between pension and average earnings is put to the politicians decisions, can only be taken in ishing the earnings link. His

From Ms Maureen

Colguhoun Sir. Pensioners have taken a back seat on party political agendas for long enough and it is overwhelmingly important that the next Government re-establishes the link between pensions and average

We have written to all 651 members of the current House of Commons and it is clear that the Government and the Opposition have no intention

Bank regulation

From Mr Colin A. Perry.

Sir, Andrew Longhurst, chief

executive of Cheltenham &

Gloucester plc and a director

of Lloyds Bank Plc, writes

pejoratively of the Ombuds-

man system (Executive Voice

July 13). But the Banking

Ombudsman does not have a

general supervisory or regula-

tory function with regard to

the member banks: it is a

scheme designed as an alter-

native to the civil courts, and

the Ombudsman's only power

is to award monetary compen-

sation to make good actual

of doing so, although a handful of Conservative MPs and 138 Labour MPs have indicated that they would if they could.

So what is the problem? Social Security Secretary Peter Lilley tells Conservative MPs that £10 billion would be needed to implement a liveable pension. Labour's Shadow Social Security Minister said recently: "Decisions on the exact role of the state pension, like other spending

loss, damage or notable incon-

venience caused by a breach of

duty on the member bank's

On becoming an institution

authorised to carry on a

deposit-taking business on its

acquisition by Lloyds as a subsidiary of a wholly-owned

subsidiary on August 1 1995.

C&G is bound under the

Banking Act not to disclose

any information relating to

the business or other affairs of

any person, without the con-

sent of that person. Anyone

who discloses information in

contravention of Restriction

on Disclosure of Information

part: it is a voluntary code.

light of what the country can afford." This means they are not going to do it, which is a disgraceful U-turn after all Labour has said in opposition about restoring the link.

Yes, full restoration of the lost pension income immediately would be expensive; but not as high as the £10 billion alleged by Mr Lilley as this assumes a higher pension for married couples than would have resulted from not abol-

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including other companies in

the same group." Upon confi-

dentiality rests the integrity of

the whole banking system.

Earlier this year I wanted

assurance from C&G that, as a

The voluntary code says

Scheme is voluntary.

argument is a political red herring because it suggests that all past losses must be made good immediately, and clearly this is not affordable in one go. The vital first step is to restore the earnings link for future upratings at a cost in the first year of under half a billion pounds per annum.

It is time for the Government to provide a state pension that gives pensioners dignity and choice with free-

depositor, the member bank is

bound by secton 82 of the

Banking Act concerning re-

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mation: I have the letter of

confirmation. Lloyds Bank,

however, two weeks' later

wrote to me that "the directors

of Cheltenham & Gloucester

information for the purposes

of the Banking Act and section

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applicable to them." The para-

dox is apparent: the reality is

Lloyds Bank 'is not prepared

to provide a confidential mem-

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bank for a third party to me,

dom from means testing. We are now taking this message to party conferences and prospective parliamentary candidates because it is vital that the next House of Commons corrects the injustice that pensioners have suffered silently for so long. Yours faithfully. MAUREEN COLQUHOUN,

Pensions Lobbying 1996, South Knoll, Rydal Road Ambleside, Cumbria.

From Mr J. Stretton Sir, Pennington severely misrepresents Standard Life's position on mutuality ("Standard democracy", July 30). In wishing to remain mutual we are emphatically not trying to be "shielded from the rigours of the stock market". We observe the same rules on disclosure as would apply were we a proprietary company and we submit ourselves to the same firm line on other corporate governance issues

Scotland, NatWest and

Hoare's Bank since October

1986. I expect to publish docu-

panies in which we invest. Our view is that a well run pany will do better for its policyholders than a well run proprietary company. There is overwhelming historic evidence to support our view and anyone arguing for demutualisation needs to give reasons to believe the contrary. Pennington provides none. Finally, to produce through

that we encourage in com-

faulty reasoning the lure of very large potential windfalls to policyholders is irresponsible. Normally and for good reasons policyholders receive no cash payments when a life company demutualises, but instead are compensated by the addition of bonuses to their policies. Over the term to each policy's termination, policyholders would give up to shareholders more than they gained demutualisation.

Yours faithfully, J. STRETTON Chief Executive, UK Operations, Standard Life. 3 George Street.

volved; and Andrew Long-hurst told me on June 27 1996 that C&G has not acted in contravention of its undertaking as to confidentiality and section 82 of the Banking Act has no application. There is, circulating be-tween third parties according to Lloyds Bank, Bank of plc are unlikely to receive England and subsidiaries of

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Lloyds Bank a confidential memorandum about me which no person will show me: and the document concerns my own English property settled in my possession and testified by The Royal Pank of mentation in due course because it has a bearing on the Transfer Document and Decision by the Building Societies Commission on the transfer of C&G to a Lloyds Bank subsidiary and to show why former C&G members who received cash payment from Lloyds ought not to be exposed to possible gains tax. Yours faithfully, COLIN A. PERRY, 6a Moorend Road,

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# **ACCOUNTANCY**

# Keeping it simple can pay

David Allvey finds that only a few

companies are putting their

shareholders' information needs first

n the need to comply with the growing volume of new accounting requirements. companies have been neglecting the simpler information needs of private, or non-specialist, shareholders.

There is so much new technical information in company accounts today that shareholders find difficult to interpret. That is because recent developments in financial reporting have paid close attention to accounting theory. The standard setters have tried to redress the abuses that were evident in the large corporate collapses of the late Eighties through more rigorous standards and an increase in disclosure. Post-Cadbury, the corporate world has leant strongly towards a more-is-better approach, further bloating the annual package of information

received by shareholders. A side-effect of this approach has been a huge increase in the detailed technical information commanies are now expected to supply in their full report and accounts. Only a few have attempted to put their shareholders' information needs first to redress the imbalance between adequate financial disclosure and accessibility. Since

1990, companies have been able to issue summary financial statements (SFS), containing summaries of the directors' report, profit and loss account and balance sheet, in the place of, or as well as, the full report and accounts. Yet, as shown in the English ICA's report Summary Financial Statements: The Way Forward, only about 30 major companies have decided to offer this simplified

report to shareholders.

The experience of companies that have adopted the SFS is largely positive. In almost ev-ery case, 90 per cent or more of shareholders opted for the summary when it was offered. They found that shareholders had little interest in the technical content of the full report and preferred to concentrate on key items such as profits, dividends and general descriptions of performance. Our research suggests that the "results at a glance", the chairman's statement and the chief executive's review are the most widely read, with the financial statements among the least read.

Companies adopting the SFS have been able to cut costs significantly. Even though companies have to find out from their shareholders wheth-



er they can supply them with a summary, simplifications made to that process by the holders with both the SFS and the full report in the first year.

At BAT Industries, we found Department of Trade and Industry in September 1995 have paved the way for a cheaper.

more effective system. The DTI

has scrapped the need for

companies to provide share-

in 1991 that, even under the old consultation requirements, sig-nificant savings were made creased design and internal

with the production of the summary but, with 90 per cent of shareholders onting to receive it without the supporting full report, BAT saved £200,000 on postage, printing and paper costs alone, Similarly, Pilkington, the international glass company, estimated that it made an annual £43,000 saving on printing and postage. On average, companies have saved 20 to 33 per cent in costs.

Most shareholders were happy too. Of those who received the summary, three out of four thought it kept them abreast of what was going on. with one in four claiming to use it for share-trading decisions. It is ironic, however, that the

principal drawback to wider adoption of the summary is that it is becoming too lengthy. Most companies produce an integrated summary and an additional document that makes up a full report and accounts. While the original intention was to create brief, easy to use information, many summaries now run to 40 pages. So it is time for all companies

to take stock again. But with most private shareholders being interested only in key information, companies should remember that the summary provides a cheap and effective vehicle to keep it in touch with its shareholders.

The author is finance director at BAT and was chairman of the English ICA working party that produced the summary financial

### On the line

COOPERS & Lybrand contintes to take its exalted headquarters position atop Charing Cross station seriously. Last week, the music to be heard when on hold in its telephone response system was Rachmaninov's second piano concerto - the theme from Brief Encounter, probably the most famous railway film of all. Next week: the theme from Thomas the Tank Engine.

ROBERT BRUCE

# Too many regulators confuse the meaning

ONE OF the problems of European policymaking is understanding precisely what anyone means. After the words have been fed through numerous approving committees and translated this way and that, it is often difficult to discern meaning in the final

Within any single language and culture you can pick up nuance and understand no such chance. And so, sadly, it is with the latest Green Paper on the role, position and liability of the statutory auditor in the European Union, issued by the European Commission. It covers everything from corporate governance, the independence of the auditor, through to fraud and liability. But at the end, you cannot be sure what anyone really thinks on any of these issues.

Take corporate governance as an example. There is some good debate. Much of it is taken rather further than the more timid souls in the UK would like. Earlier in the report. at paragraph 3.29, it ratties through the position on fraud.

"The public expects the opportunities for fraud to be minimised," it states. And then says that directors must be responsible for setting up internal controls to minimise such opportunities, and that auditors should confirm that the directors have done a decent job in doing so. All good decisive stuff.

But then in the corporate governance section of the report you can feel the hands being spread wide and the

shoulders being shrugged as paragraph 4.28 starts. "It is difficult to deal at EU level with matters of corporate governance." If you can't deal with corporate governance at a European level you wonder why this Green Paper has been issued at all. Presumably it is just as difficult to deal with the wider audit

This is another aspect to such reports. Having been through so many different hands in their preparation there is always a feeling that in the end it was scissors and paste that triumphed. One bit of the report talks of encouraging advances while another says nothing can be done.

The report also produces evidence to support another theory. Brussels came late to the whole issue of audit. Accountancy as a profession is tiny and peripheral in most European countries, It is only dominant and prominent in the UK, this awkward offshore island, in the old Commonwealth countries and of course, in the US and hence anywhere that multinationals flourish. So European law has had to take opposing

attitudes. There is no point in having a Commission perspective if it is seen to rubber-stamp American-dominated processes. So it has to oppose them, ignore what has been built up over a long period of sophisticated adult practice and regulation and put forward another solution.

The problem is that there are only so many solutions and most have been tried and discarded long before Brussels started worrying about them. Take, for example, the saga of rotation of auditors. This, as anyone in what is known as the Anglo-Saxon auditing

world knows, does not work as a method of strengthening audit independence. Studies show that, if anything, the process of changing a company's auditors every few years actually increases the likelihood of fraud, as a regular cycle of new auditors struggle to get a good grip in the first years of the assignment.

But this did not stop Brussels recommending it as the panacea some years ago. Now they have come to the same conclusion as the rest of us. Paragraph 4.15 has to admit that "the arguments in favour of such a system are not conclusive". Instead the report suggests that "a sol-ution which could enhance

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the perception of the auditor's objectivity. without causing the efficiency and quality drawbacks of firm rotation, could consist in setting up a rotation of audit partners within the same firm". Or to put it another way: do what the UK does.

The position on liability is the same. The analysis is clear: "It would seem reasonable that the liability of the auditor should be limited to amounts which reflect his degree of negligence." But again, "action at EU level in this field is likely to be difficult". If it wasn't difficult it wouldn't be a problem.

It greatly pains me in these fevered times to appear to be taking an anti-European stance. But the root of the problem is regulators. The job of regulators is to protect the public. Too many regulators see their job as having to come up with more regulations.

### The true test of independence

GRANT THORNTON is and have a voice in its runrightly proud of becoming the ning, but if an accounting first auditor appointed to audit an auditor. It will start partnership is not an archetypal owner-managed business it would be hard to say crawling over the figures of KPMG Audit soon. For Grant what was. The Grant Thorn-Thornton, it vindicates its inton partner who takes on the sistence that its niche market job is David Spence, who is is owner-managed businesses. not only on the ladder for the Colin Sharman, KPMG's se-Scots ICA presidency, but nior partner, is not keen on chairs the UK profession's emphasising that his fellow ethics watchdog. Sharman 565 partners own the place said the firm was impressed

by Grant Thornton's "robust independence". The first audit report goes public next year.

### Watch this space

REBEL members of the English ICA noticed that while the chief executive of the certified accountants revealed her pay in their annual report this did not happen at the English ICA. But yesterday's institute

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council meeting was told that "a Cadbury-style statement on governance" should be included with next year's report and accounts. There is not a word on whether the salary of Andrew Colquhoun, chief executive, will be revealed. As it is the formidable reforming Dame Sheila Masters, of KPMG, who is driving this one we expect every used pound will be accounted for.

# Law Report August 8 1996

**House of Lords** 

# Council responsibility for payment Attendance allowance for residents

Chief Adjudication Officer

**House of Lords** 

Before Lord Keith of Kinkel, Lord Mustill, Lord Slynn of Hadley, Lord Nicholls of Birkenhead and Lord Hope of Craighead [Speeches July 24]

Where a local authority made arrangements with a voluntary sation for the provision of residential accommodation for attention, which was not otherwise available to them, under such arrangements the local authority had to make payments to the organisation in respect of that residential accommodation, as provided by section 26(2) of the National Assistance Act 1948.

Where such provisions were not made, a resident of that residential accommodation was not regarded provided under Part III of the 1948 and the higher rate of income support was payable to him.

The House of Lords so held dismissing appeals by the appel-lants, the Chief Adjudication Officer and the Secretary of State for Social Security, from the Court of Appeal (Sir Thomas Bingham, Master of the Rolls and Lord Justice McCowan and Lord Justice Hirst) (unreported, April 15, 1994) CA (Civ Div) Transcript No 439 of appellants' appeals from the de-Commissioner, Mr J. Mitchell.

The claimant in the first appeal. Miss Jane Harris, since deceased and represented by Mr Douglas Quinn, sought income support. Her claim was accepted by the Adjudication Officer who decided that she was in residential accommodation at Heathlands, one of the homes run by the Dorset Trust. a voluntary organisation, and transferred to the trust by the cil. That decision was upheld by the Social Security Appeal Tribunal. The commissioner held that there was no arrangement under section 26 of the National Assis-tance Act 1948 and thus, Miss accommodation within the 1948

Mobbs v Nuclear Electric Ltd

An industrial tribunal chairman

ought not to have sat alone without

lay members on a preliminary

hearing at which evidence was

given and witnesses were cross-

examined to determine whether an

applicant was an employee for the

purposes of a complaint of unfair

dismissal and discrimination on

The Employment Appeal Tri-

bunal (Judge Hull, QC, Miss S. Corby and Mr A. E. R. Manners)

so held on July II when allowing

an appeal by Mrs S. Mobbs from the dismissal by an industrial

"(2) Any arrangement made by virtue of subsection (I) ... shall provide for the making by the local authority to the other party thereto of payments in respect of the accommodation provided at such rates as may be determined by or under the arrangements."

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premises, for the provision in those premises of accommodation of that

otherwise available to them."

Mr John Howell, QC, for the appellants: Mr Duncan Ouseley, QC and Mr Richard McManus for Mr Quinn and Dorset County

tribunal chairman last October of

her claim against her employers.

JUDGE HULL said that rule

Tribunals (Constitution and Rules

of Procedure) Regulations (SI 1993

No 2687) enabled a chairman

sitting alone to determine any

issue relating to the entitlement of

any party to bring or contest the

proceedings where he could prop-

erly do so on the basis of writter

and/or oral submissions. That

should be limited to points which

involved no issues of fact and

would usually be limited to points

Nuclear Flectric Ltd.

Chairman should

not have sat alone

resident of Southlands which was LORD SLYNN said that the originally owned and managed by question which arose on the two Cumbria County Council and late appeals was as to how much leased to the Westfield Housing income support under the Social Security Act 1986 each claimant Association, a voluntary organis ation, claimed income support. was entitled. Was it, during the The adjudication officer refused relevant periods, a weekly sum of

her claim on the ground that she was living in residential accom-Such a difference, at first glance, suggested that the claimants' standard of living would have been substantially affected by the anmodation but, bearing in mind her own resources, she was not entitled to income support. The appeal tribunal allowed Mrs Gibbon's swer. It was not. The question was appeal. That decision was affirmed whether the maintenance of the by the commissioner. Section 21 of the National Assisclaimants was to be provided by omiral or local funds

tance Act 1948, as amended by In 1986 Miss Harris, then aged section 195(6) of, and paragraph 2(1) of Schedule 23 to the Local 77. needed care and attention. Sh went to live at Heathlands which Government Act 1972 and section was owned by Dorset County 108(5) of, and paragraph 11(1) of Council. From March 1991, the Schedule 13 to the Children Act county council granted leases of 1089: provides: "(1) ... a local that and other of their homes to authority may with the approval of Dorset Trust, a voluntary organisthe secretary of state ... make arrangements for providing (a) residential accommodation for council's control. The council and the trust entered into a manage-ment agreement which provided for a financial contribution by the persons aged 18 or over who by reason of age, infirmity or any other circumstances are in need of council to the trust's management care and attention which is not and expenses.

Miss Harris was asked whether she would like to continue living in section 44 of the Health Services that home or wished to be moved and Public Health Act 1968 and to another home which the council section 195(n) of and paragraph 2(3) of Schedule 23 to the Local might retain. She was informed that there would be no change in Government Act 1972, provides: her conditions. She would not have (I) A local authority (a) may make to pay any more and would be able in lieu or in supplementation of the to stay there as long as she would provision, in premises managed wish. She decided to stay and claimed for income support. In 1990 Mrs Gibbon, under

similar circumstances as Miss home providing accommodation under section 2014) of the 1948 Act. which was owned and managed by the Cumbria County Council. In July 1991 the council granted a lease of the home to the Westfield Housing Association, a voluntary organisation. Under an agreement between the council and the association they agreed to exoperate in

elderly persons. responsible for the care and management and charge the residents weekly sums equal to the

Commissioners of Customs

and Excise v Croydon Hotel

The two-year limitation on claims

by the VAT authorities under

paragraph 4(5) of Schedule 7 of the

Value Added Tax Act 1983 began to

run from the date of submission of

the tax return rather than from

when in the accounting period the

The Court of Appeal (Lord Justice Hirst, Lord Justice Auld

and Lord Justice Thorpe) so held

on July 24 allowing an appeal by

the Commissioners of Customs

and Excise from the dismissal by

chargeable event occurred.

and Leisure Co Lid

providing care and attention for

the association's deficit and to allow its employees to work at the home for which the association

was to pay. In July 1991 Mrs Gibbon was informed that the transfer would not have any effect on the services, that there would be a weekly charge of £160 and she would ne to apply for income support. If she wished she could continue living there or she could move to another of the council's homes. She staved

and claimed income support. It was not the right approach to section 26 to ask first whether in fact arrangements had been made for persons in need of care to be looked after by a voluntary org-anisation and then to ask incidentally whether those arrangements had provided for payments to be made by the local authority to the other party, on the basis that if they had not the secretary of state had the remedy simply to order the authority to make arrangements which complied with the statutory require-

ments within a massmable time The provision of accommodation was governed by sections 21 to 24 and 25 of the 1948 Act. Under section 36 arrangements within section 21 included arrangements voluntary organisation managing any premises to provide such

acommodation. Section 20(2) provided in unqualified terms that such arrangements should provide for making by the local authority to the other party thereto of payments in respect of the accommodation.

Thus, the arrangements had to include those provisions so as to qualify as the provision of Part III accommodation. In the absence of that provision the residential modation within the mean ing of Part III was not provided support was pavable.

Lord Keith, Lord Mustill, Lord Nicholls and Lord Hope agreed. Solicitors: Solicitor, Department of Social Security: Lawrence Graham: Lawrence Graham for Mr

Mr Justice Popplewell on May 17,

1995 of the commissioners' appeal

from the decision of a VAT

tribunal that their claim against

the Croydon Hotel and Leisure Co

LORD JUSTICE THORPE said

the phrase "prescribed accounting

period" in the relevant section had

to be construed in its context and

against the system by which the

There could be no injustice to

taxpayers in holding that time

began to run from the end of the

prescribed accounting period

covered by the return within which

the transaction was included

Ltd was out of time.

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When time runs

for VAT limit

Before Lord Reith of Kinkel, Lord Mustill, Lord Slynn of Hadley, Lord Nicholls of Birkenhead and Lord Hope of Craighead |Speeches July 24|

Arrangements for residential accommodation for those in need of care and attention not otherwise vailable to them under section 26 of the National Assistance Act 1948 should comply with section 26(2) by providing for payments by the local authority to the other party to the arrangement for the accommodation at the rates determined by the arrangements. Where no such provision was included in the arrangements because the claimant paid the charges himself no accommodation was provided for him pursuant to section 21 and he was entitled to an attendance

alkowance. Where a claimant was living at a residential home and was being cared for there under arrange ments so long as he lived there. and was not in need of accommodution on the ground of illness. he was not a person in need of care and attention not otherwise available to him and the local authority had no statutory power to provide for him accumutation the cost of which could be borne out of local authority funds

The House of Lords on held dismissing an appeal by the Chief Adjudication Officer and the Secretary of State for Social Secrurity, from the dismissal by the Court of Appeal (Lord Justice Hirst, Lord Justice Aldous and Mr Justice Forbes) (The Times December 19, 1995), of an appeal the appellants from the decision of the Social Security Commis-sioner who had affirmed the decision of the Social Security Appeal Tribunal,

The claimant, Mrs Vera Mary Steame, claimed attendance allowance on May 20, 1991 when she was living in accommodation provided in a home transferred to the second respondent, Islecare Ltd., by the Isle of Wight County Council and where she had chosen to stay after the transfer.

The adjudication officer refused her claim. The tribunal found that the change in status and her election meant that her accommodation came nutside the provisions made pursuant to l'ari III of the National Assistance Act 1948 and that, in view of the transfer of the undertaking from the council to Islecare, the council expressed its intention not to puy towards the costs of accommodation and the claimant did not fall within regulation 4(3) of the Social Security (Attendance Allowance) Amendment (No 3) Regulations (SI 1983 No 1741) and was thus entitled to the attendance allowance claimed. Section 36 of the 1948 Act, as amended by section 44 of the Health Services and Public Health Act 1968 and section 195(6) of, and paragraph 2(3) of Schedule 23 to the Local Government Act 1972. provides: "(1) ... a local authority (a) may make in lieu or in

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"(2) Any arrangements made by section shall provide for the making by the local authority to the other party thereto of payments in respect of the accommodation provided at such rates as may be determined by or under the arrangements.

The National Health Service Act 1977 provides, by paragraph 2 of Schedule 8: "(1) A local social services authority may ... make arrangements for the purpose of the prevention of illness and for the care of persons suffering from illness and for the aftercare of

Mr Joha Howell, OC, for the appellants: Mr Roger McCarthy for the respondents.

LORD SLYNN said that on December 18, 1988 Mrs Steame went to live in a residential home called Elmdon which was then owned and run by the Isle of Wight County Council. She was aged 70. She paid the full charge for her accommodation from her own

In 1990 a company called Islecare Ltd. limited by guarantee and a registered charity, was set up for the purpose of managing residential care homes including Elmdon. On January 21, 1991 the council and Islecare entered into an agreement whereby, in considof certain payments, the council agreed to supply all necessary staff to enable Islecare to operate certain properties as residential care homes. Islecare undertook to pay for the staff.

residents were asked whether they would prefer to stay at Elmdon under the management of Islecare or to move to other residentia accommodation which continued to be provided by the council.

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By a letter dated April II, 1991 from the council to her son. Mrs. Steame was told that future charges by Islecare would have to be agreed with the council but her placement at Elmdon would be secure and that residents who satisfied the appropriate criteria would be entitled to income supnort in order to assist them in meeting their placement fees although, it was said, Mrs Steane would not satisfy the income support criteria because of the level of her capital. Mrs Steame chose to stay at Elmdon.

Whether the accommodation was from then on accommodation provided under Part III of the 1948 Act depended on the proper construction of section 26. It was an essential feature of arrangements under the section that section 20(2) should be complied with and that the arrangement must provide for the making by the local authority to the other party in the arrangements of payments in respect of the accommodation prodetermined by or under the arrangement. No such provision was included in the arrangements made for Mrs Steame who was to pay to the Elmdon authorities the charges herself. Thus, no accommodation was provided for her pursuant to Part III.

The question was whether accommodation was provided in circumstances in which its cost might he horne wholly or partly out of public or local funds. There borne out of public or local funds under paragraph 2(1) of Schedule 8 to the National Health Service Act 1977 because Mrs Steane was in no way mentally disordered or in need of care to prevent mental disorder.

She had been provided the

accommodation in 1988 by the council because of her age although she did have health problems. She needed care and attention not otherwise available to her because of her age. It was not contended that she was in any event a person needing accommodation on the ground of illness. ( The position under Part III of the

1948 Act was different. If Mrs Steane was at the relevant time a person who by reason of age was need of care and attention which was not otherwise available to her then the council could have made arrangements for her accommodation under section 26(1) so long as it provided for the making of payments by it to the voluntary organisation.

But since Mrs Steame was living at Elimdon and cared for there under the arrangement with Islectre she was not a person who was in need of care and attention not otherwise available to her so long as she remained there. Accordingly, since she did not fall within the category of persons described in section 21(1)(a) as being in need of care and attention the local authority did not have the statutory power under Part III to provide for her accommodation the cost of which could be borne out of local authority funds.

Lord Keith, Lord Mustill, Lord Nicholls and Lord Hope agreed. Solicitors: Solicitor, DSS: Sharpe Pritchard.

# Decision to be educational

Council and Another, Ex

educational grounds. Mr Justice Sedley so held in the Queen's Bench Division when allowing the appeal of C against the decision of the Special Educational Needs Tribunal to refuse her appeal against the provisions of a final statement of special educational needs of May 1995 made by

special school in the United States of America with local authority funding. After providing funding factor had volunteered to make up the difference.

applicant; Miss Carol Atkinson for

Mr Nicholas Bowen for the

in Britain and part-funding a In those circumstances, al-

and not financial The applicant had an autistic child who had been attending a Regina v Cheshire County

parte C Refore Mr Justice Sedley (Judgment July III)

Where it fell to an education authority to choose an appropriate school to be named in a statement of special educational needs and there was available a part authority and part privately funded place in a school outside England and Wales where the not cost to the authority would the same as the cost of a particular domestic place then the decision should be made without reference to financial considerations and on purely

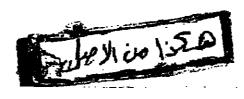
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for a year the authority made a final statement of special educational needs which named a specialist school in Cheshire as the appropriate school for the child. The cost of the American school was greater than that of the English one but a private bene-

the council: the tribunal did not appear and was not represented. MR JUSTICE SEDLEY said that there was nothing in the statutory scheme which called upon the local education authority to specify the optimum available provision and much in its general duty of husbandry to entitle it to choose the least expensive of the appropriate options. But that did ant conclude the argument on partfunding because the availability of funds from other sources might make the net cost of the optimum chnice no greater for the education budget than that of the cheapest choice. That would be rare. To begin with part-funding was

available only for schools outside England and Wales. Second, if there was more than one appropriate institution outside Britain. parental means would ordinarily be available to offset both in the same amount. It was only where the choice was between fully funding a placement

placement abroad in exactly the same ner amount that there would he, as there was in this case, a true parity of financial considerations. though in no others the choice could and should be made on purely educational grounds. The appeal was to he allowed by remitting the case to the tribunal. Solicitors: Teacher Stern Selby: Mr Gerry Budd, Chester.



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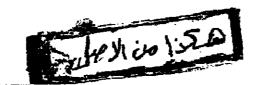
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■ FILM 1

So much hokum, so much palaver, so much of everything: it's all there in the sci-fi blockbuster Independence Day



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FILM 3

Chekhov's Uncle Vanya is transposed to North Wales, in the Anthony Hopkins vehicle August



FILM 4

With a cast like robots and a script short on jokes, there isn't much to recommend in The Stupids

CINEMA: Geoff Brown sees Independence Day put the cause of possible intergalactic co-existence back several aeons

# Strangers are just fiends we do not know

n the phone to his Secretary of De-fence, the President of America asks: "Could you say that again?" This is understandable; at the very least you have to gulp if someone tells you that aliens are entering our atmosphere in spaceships 15 miles wide. But then the entire movie of Independence Day demands a double-take. So much hokum. So much palaver. So much of everything: exploding buildings, marauding fireballs, aerial dogfights, military hardware, a population stampede, plus gung-ho rhetoric that would not disgrace John Wayne's The Green Berets. The alien invaders mean to wipe out the world; this movie aims to wipe out audiences, or at least leave them exhausted.

The director Roland Emmerich and his production partner Dean Devlin, emboldened by the surprise success of their last extravaganza, Stargate, know precisely what they are up to. They are mixing genres. The plot re-turns us to 1950s sci-fi, when unfriendly visitors from outer space parked their saucers. hatched their pod people, and tickled America's latent paranoia about foreign enemies. But that is only the plot. From its physical trappings you would actually take Independence Day to be a war movie, a monster movie, a 1970s disaster movie and a video game, all bundled together to make an outsize, indigestible

popcorn feast. Like the best, or worst, disaster movies (the distinction is tenuous), no star gets to act high and mighty. Saving the world from destruction requires team effort, spread among a rainbow coalition of races and religions. There is Bill Pullman as the affable President, a former Gulf War pilot currently fighting the

### Independence Day

Odeon Leicester Square 12. 140 mins Outsize, indigestible popcorn feast

The Secret of Roan Inish Virgin Haymarket PG, 103 mins Magic and myth off the Irish coast

August Curzon Mayfair PG, 90 mins Uncle Vanya goes Welsh

The Stupids Odeon West End PG, 94 mins Mirthless comedy from John Landis

wimp factor in office. Jeff Goldblum injects quirky comedy as the computer genius who finds a kink in the aliens armour and keeps up a double-act with his fusspot father (Judd Hirsch).

But for many the identification figure will be Will Smith (from television's The Fresh Prince of Bel-Air), the cocky fighter pilot who thumps a captured alien in the tentacles as he shouts a sarcastic "Welcome to Earth". Finer emotions are also squeezed in: to help with this the cast also includes estranged wives, cute children, and a dog.

Emmerich drives his gargantuan film at a steady pace as the alien invasion moves in for the kill in the days leading up to July 4, America's Inde-pendence Day. First they wreak havoc in the major cities from the massive ships that hang in the air like clouds of granite. Then they send out devilish planes that shoot down the cream of the Amerifrom a video game. Finally Doomsday arrives, July 4, unless Goldblum's impossible long-shot succeeds.

All the time these aliens follow the Dalek creed: "Exterminate! Exterminate!" We know nothing about them, apart from their talents as extra-terrestrial locusts. This may create a spectacular adversary, but it does not allow for sophisticated drama. Sci-fi movies of the 1950s had their share of global devastation, but the stories were focused and the aliens treated with some respect. Independence Day improves on the Toytown spaceships and back-projection flaws of the past, but it throws away much resonance and intelligence by ignoring its own science-fiction and

For truly imaginative fanta-

half-seal and half-human. At first sight it seems

concern for characters' work-

striving to be the biggest carnival ride of all time.

sy this week, you must turn to John Sayles's moving and beautiful The Secret of Roan Inish, now two years old (see interview below). No blunderbuss techniques for Sayles; this is a film that creeps up and charms you by degrees with its blend of myth and realism, its cast of fisher folk, seals, gulls and Selkies legendary Celtic creatures,

strange to find Sayles, a mordant chronicler of American social behaviour, washed up off the Irish coast. But he has always loved the spinning of tales, the sound of people talking; and this adaptation of a Rosalie K. Fry novella pays full homage to Ireland's oral tradition as it traces the adventures of young Fiona, sent to live with her grandparents near the deserted seal island of Roan Inish.

Sayles also keeps faith with his sense of place, and his



Multicoloured skies at night, special effects co-ordinator's delight: atmospheric disturbances presage the arrival of the aliens in Independence Day

into a whimsical bog. Sayles stays on the ground. He revels in the magical landscapes, the mysterious light and the infinite colours of the sea, but he also shows us how cottages are whitewashed and boats

Haskell Wexler's photogra-phy is crucial to the film's success. He never gets pretty-pretty: there is a hard, clear edge to the sky, the stones, the waves and seaweed. The film's spell could also have been broken if the cast acted and spoke like prancing leprechauns. But Sayles's script is refreshingly free of Irish caricature; and the sober performance of Jeni Courtney, a tenvear-old from Belfast, as the questing Fiona sets the tone for the whole cast.

The film's only problem is its audience. Although children lie at the heart of the drama, Roan Inish cannot be placed in a pigeonhole for however, might well find its story too slight; and the crowds who treat movies as the modern equivalent of gladiator combat will find nothing worth stampeding for. But for adults who still have their childhood inside them, and can accept the beauty of a haunting tale simply told, The Secret of Roan Inish is a gift

from the gods. "He's mad — and Welsh," Leslie Phillips says. It's a dangerous combination, and at times Anthony Hopkins's fruity caperings in August get to be too much. He makes animal noises. He waves his hands. Since Hopkins is also his own director, not much can he done to stop this, although Hopkins certainly allows the rest of the cast, among them Kate Burton, Rhian Morgan and Gawn Grainger, to bring out their finer points.

This is Uncle Vanya transposed by screenwriter Julian Mitchell to a country house in North Wales at the end of the 19th century. Hopkins is the frustrated Vanya, now chris-tened leuan, and first introduced indolently spread out on

a sofa. Phillips is the Serebryakov equivalent, the estate's absentee owner who arrives from England with his young American-born wife to play havoc in a household whose emotions are volatile enough aiready.

The shift of continents works well enough, as it did when Michael Blakemore sent Chekhov's play down under in Country Life: the human heart and the anguish of lost opportunities are much the same anywhere. But the film's success is severely limited by a lack of dramatic rhythm. Hopkins directs scene by scene. often in unpleasant close-up; you never sense a shaping hand moving events forward, and the lurches in tone between farce and melodrama become jarring.

Irrelevancies, too, pile up. The Welsh Tourist Board may appreciate hills rolling in golden sunlight minute after minute, but the landscape fetish drains the film of energy. Cut-aways to a mining tragedy also seem an intru-sion. To get the best of August you have to snatch a moment here, a moment there: a frustrating experience.

But not as bad as watching The Stupids. John Landis's new film, based on a series of children's books about a household with a genius for grasping the wrong end of the stick, makes two big mistakes. It went into production with a script nowhere near funny enough, even given the current fashion for dumber and dumber comedy. Landis ther forced the cast to act like robots and squeeze out any resemblance to likeable human beings. The Three Stooges at their most infantile could still raise a wan smile; but you would have to be

his films. He still finances

them largely by writing

screenplays for television and

rewrites of other people's

films, which have recently

included Apollo 13 and The Ouick and the Dead.

forthcoming Lone Star, which

reaches Britain in October. It

is a western about a sheriff

investigating a murder that happened 37 years earlier in

which the prime suspect is his

own father. Lone Star was — unusually for Sayles — totally

financed by a major distrib-utor. But, with his next project,

movie to be made in Spanish

on location in Latin America,

Sayles expects to be the main,

"It's a way to make what you, as an independent film-

maker, want to make. So

many films have other films as

their references, as though

if not the sole, investor.

"heart of darkness" road

A rare exception is his

desperate, or exceptionally young, to enjoy Tom Arnold's

American

Every week, young film fans

discuss the latest releases.

INDEPENDENCE DAY Matt Jones, 22: Rampant flagwaving and mass American patriotism are in abundance, as are the obligatory ridiculous English stereotypes. Hugely entertaining, but take water biscuits to complement

Derek Baugh, 20: A very watchable film with phenome-nal effects that make War Of The Worlds look like play-ground fisticuffs. However, the Star-Spangled Banner should have formed the entire soundtrack, such is the extent of this American powertrip. Jane Gibson, 22: A rollercoaster of effects-induced adrenalin rushes - I think the

survive as the characters. Ignore the flag-waving and laugh and love it. Antony Wallbank, 19: You'll laugh in the right and the wrong places. You'll marvel at the gung-ho rubbish Ameri-

audience was as relieved to

can speeches. But you won't be able to take your eyes off it.

Matt: You want to care about

this beautifully played drama as it unfolds, but somehow you find yourself distanced. Derek: Wonderfully photographed landscapes are effectively juxtaposed with the depiction of a living hell. Includes the ingredients to be successful, but falls short. Jane: Anthony Hopkins confirms that he is our finest screen talent. However, it is not for a lack of good perfor-mances that the film suffers, but more because of an inabil-

Antony: A pleasant directorial debut, but lacking any bite, even in the displays of envy. seduction, jealousy and the occasional flash of humour. For die-hard Hopkins fans or

ity to reach the audience on an

# Stanley Stupid. A self-made lifetime in his own legends

eltic myths about a baby boy raised in the wild by seals, or a sailor being rescued by a Selkie – half-woman, halfseal - might seem to be unusual grist for the cinematic mill of John Sayles, whose previous films sprang largely from the realities of 20th-

century America. But The Secret of Roan Inish appealed to him on three levels. First, the Selkie story is like a lot of Native American myths about the bond between human beings and animals. stemming from the huntergatherer culture, when you had to know intimately the habits and almost the soul of the animals you hunted in

order to survive."

Then the plot, about a ten-year-old girl discovering the history and legends of the isolated island culture from which she springs, reminded him of the films he himself had identified with as a child - movies such as Tiger Bay and To Kill a Mockingbird, which were not children's films but had a child as protagonist. The third element he took from his personal heritage as an Irish-American. The Selkie myth is com-mon to the Scottish and the

Irish islands. But the main reason I transposed the story

from Scotland to Ireland was

that Irish-American literature

something of a stylistic departure for its fiercely independent maker, John Sayles. Carol Allen reports

The Secret of Roan Inish is

and song is so much about loss, the place left behind, and here was a story about people who had lost their island and were wondering if they could The Sayles family has lived

in America for four generations. Sayles himself was brought up in Schenectady. New York, home of the General Electric company and once known as "the city that lights the world". "It was a working-class neighbourhood". he says, "with a lot of labour versus management tension" - a theme he later developed in Matewan, in terms of the West Virginia coal miners strike of the 1920s.

During high school and college holidays, he worked as a hospital orderly and in factories; work he returned to after graduation, while trying to establish himself as a writer. "I got out of college in 1972 at a time of political unrest and a shrinking economy, "he says. "My best job was when I got into the meat packers' union and I was a sausage-maker in an Italian sausage factory on union minimum wage, which was twice what I had been making. I finished my first novel, Pride of the Bimbos, on unemployment insurance when I got laid off from the sausage

factory."
With Union Dues, his second novel, Sayles also acquired an agent with film contacts, and started writing screenplays, initially for Roger Corman's low-budget film factory, the training ground for many other now-established film-makers. With his earnings from these, he financed his first movie as writer/ director. The Return of the Secausus Seven. a film which some have compared to The

Big Chill. The Big Chill is about people who've lost their idealism. The people in Return of the Secausus Seven are people who are trying desperately to hold on to it in a world that's not that friendly to their ideals any more." Sayles says. "It's very much about people turn-



John Sayles: "I want to make movies about things I've never seen up on a screen"

ing 30, when you realise the world isn't going to change the way you wanted it to when you were a young activist, which is politically what was happen-

ing at that time. It's one of three movies I've made that are about being a certain age. Baby It's You is very much a movie about being in your teens and early

twenties and that time of your life when anything seems possible and then you discover that there are walls and ceilings and things that you cannot go beyond. Passion Fish is about people who are turning 40, the age at which you not only realise the world is not going to change the way

life is not necessarily going to turn out the way you thought or hoped it would."

Sayles is now 45 with greying sideburns, tall (6ft 4in) with the self-reliant air that typifies one aspect of the spirit that built America, the sort of man who does not "work for you want it to, but your own borne out by the way he makes

they've been made by some-body who's spent his life in front of a screen and has never had a job other than in films.

"I want people to leave the theatre not relating the film to other movies, but thinking about their lives, the lives of their friends and what the movie itself was about, if I'm going to spend a year of my life making a movie, I want to make it about something I've read or seen in the world but never seen up on a screen."

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Josephine Barstow leads a concert performance of

**■ CHOICE 2** 

Albert Herring VENUE: Tonight at the Royal Hall, Harrogate

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Plenty of chic bloodshed in Robert Rodriguez's tale of the balladeer with a case full of guns, Desperado



■ RECORDS

Placido Domingo dreams the impossible dream in a kitsch recording of Man of La Mancha

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LONDON

BBC PROMS 96. The first of two BBC PROMS 96: The first of two concerts the evening (7pm) is also the Proms' debut of the Russiam National Oriehastra, conducted by Mishail Premer Lyadov's atmospheric poems Baba-Yagia, The Enchanted Lake and Klamora are given with Mozari's Camet Concerto (soloist Michael Collins) and Shostakovich's Tenth Symphony At 10pm, for Botton conducts the St Jasmes's Singers and St Jasmes's Barroque Players in the Overtura to Rameau's Zais and his motel in Convertendo, Rebei's depiction of chaos from The Elements and Charperitier's Telleum. Charpentier's Te Deum. Albert Hall, kensington Albert Hall, kensington Gore, SW7 (0171-589 8212) Tonight, 7pm, 10pm

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Matura's play, set in a Brooklyn bar
where a couple from Trinidad
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Roland Ress directs
Southwark Playhouse, 62 Southwark
Bridge Rd, SE1 (0171-520 3494) Opens
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LI BY JEEVES: Delightful musical creation by Alan Ayekbourn and Andrew Lloyd Webber, based on the Wodehouse heroes, hirst attempted 20 years ago, now entirely revised. Delice of York's, SI Martin's Lane, W1 (0171-836 5122) Mon-Sat, 7 45pm, mats Wed and Sat, 3pm (6)

THE DECAMERON: A selection nom soccasoo s teesure-nouse or arotic teles, some happy, some bloody, neety acted by Nick Ward's young cast. Gate, 11 Pembridge Road, W11 (0171-229 0706), Mon-Sat, 7 30pm Undi August 17.

☐ EMMA: Last of Jane Austen's six LI EMMINA: Last of Jane Austen's six novels to be dramatheed for stage, carema or Islevision in the past 12 months Michael Fry's adaptation adds the arthul framework of a bossy gri who stages a play about the bossy horome, King's Heed, Upper Street, N1 (0171-226 1916). Tue-Sat, Spirr, mass Sat and Sun, 3 30pm. Until August 11

☑ AN INSPECTOR CALLS Stephen Daidry's powerful production, with David Ross as the all-knowing Inspector, and Edward Peel and Estelle Aohier as the

pears of stonery Gernick, Channg Crose Road, WC2 (0171-494 5085) Mon-Fn, 7 45pm; Sat, 8 15pm; mats Wed, 2 30pm, Sat, 5pm JOHN GABRIEL BORKMAN Paul Scoheld, Vanessa Redgrave, Elicen Alburs and Michael Bryant, directed by Alburs and Michael Bryant, directed by Richard Eyre. A mighty cast for lisen's penultrinate play, concerned with guilt, remorse and reconciliation. National Theatre (Lyttetton). South Bank, SE1 (0171-928 2252). Tongirt and tonorous, 7 30pm; mat Thurs. 2.15pm. In rep (2)

**NEW RELEASES** 

BLOOD SIMPLE (18) Welcome revival of the Coen brothers' debut toature, made in 1983; a film now homage made with cold-blooded verve. With John Getz and Francis McDormand Gate (0171-727 4043) Renote (0171 837 8402) Ritzy (0171-737 2121) Screen on the Hitl (0171-435 3366) Virgin Haymarket (0171-639 1527)

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Escellent animated version of Roald
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UCI Whiteleys (0171-792-3332) Virgin
Chelsee (0171-352-5096) **◆ JAMES AND THE GIANT PEACH** 

LA REGLE DU JEU (PG) New print of Renoir's 1939 masterpiece, a wonderli-portrait of French society. With Marcel Dalio and Nora Gregor Riverside Studios (0181-748 3354)

CURRENT DENISE CALLS UP (15): Lightwordt ( appealing lifestyle comedy from new American director Hall Salvien, With

TODAY'S CHOICE

A daily guide to arts and entertainment compiled by Glisan Maxey

<u>ELSEWHERE</u> EDINBURGH: Although the highly competitive arona of the Festival Fringe officially begins in Sunday, Theatre Cryptic presents Parallel Lines, inspired by Motly Bloom's solitoque in James Joyce's Lilysses from today (Traverse Thoatre, 0131-228 1404; vanous times) Over at the Pleasan (Traverse Thoatro, 0.131-228 1404; various times). Over all the Pleasance (0.131-556 6550, lodey-Aug 31 5 40pm), the profile corredy telerite of Curried Goot preson their latest sketch show. The Pleasance is also the venue for Booker Proze-aurier Michael Ondoate's one-man theatre production of The Collected Works of Bifly the Kidl (today-Aug 31; 11 15mm), while, at 11pm. George Dillon stars in The Remembraince of Edgar Allian Pos (today-Aug 31, not Tiues)

(loday-Aug 31, not Tues) Fringe box office (0131-226 5138) EXETER The Northcott Theatre
Company presents an adaptation by its
Artistic Dector. John Durning, of Henry
James's novelta The Turn of the
Screw Sally Ann Burnett plays the
young governess in this haunting
psychological thriller

THEATRE GUIDE

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☐ MARTIN GUERRE: The latest Li MARTIN GUERRE: (he latest Boubil and Schonberg musical, set lo tollow the success of Les Mas and Mas-Sai Declan Donnellan directs a cast led by lain Glen and Juliette Cation Prince Edward, Old Compton St, W1 (0171-447 5400) Mon-Sat, 7 45pm; mats Thurs and Sat, 3pm

I THE ODD COUPLE Jack Kugman, Tony Randell play the two dworced husbands, slob and fussport in a revival of Neil Simon's comeay Theathe Royal, Haymarket, SW1 (0171-930 8800) Mon-Fn, Sprn, Sat 8 15pm, mats Thurs, 3pm and Sat, 5pm (€)

☐ THE PAINTER OF DISHONOUR Calderon exposes a grim society stackled by the demands of honour Sara Man-Thomas and John Carlele in good voice but the issues seem remote PR. Bartocan, SN. Street EC2 (0171-638 8891). Tonight, 7 15pm; mat, 2pm lin per 43.

☐ THIS LIME TREE BOWER: Clurrey seduction and a shambolic crime teature in award wirrung Conor McPherson's new play, set in an Insh seaside town. Bush, Shepherds Bush Green, W12 (0181-743 3388) Mon-Sat, 8pm

etheatt, Stocker Road (01392 493

493) Opens lonight, 7 30pm Then Mon-Fn 7.30pm, Sat. 8pm Until August 31 HARROGATE Josephine Barstow, Delle Jones, Robert Lloyd and Fallicity Palmer lead an outstanding cast in a concert performance of Britten's comic opera Albert Herring Steuari Berdord conducts the Northern Stripma. Royal Hall (lestwal box office 01423 565 757) Tonight, 7 30pm

SOUTH SHIELDS: An innova award-warring production by Northerh Broadsides of Shakespeare's romantic cornedy A Mildsummer Might's Dream Directed by Barry Rutter. The Customs House, Mil Dam (0191-154 1234) Tonight-Sat, 7,30pm, mat Sat, 2 30pm

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□ 3Ms BEHAVING The 3 singles from Am'l Misbehavin' — Debby Bishop, Dawn Hope, Melanie E. Maishail — in a programme of taxe juzz and blues. Tricycle, 269 Kibum High Road, NW6 (0171-328 1000) Now previewing, Tuesial (not Aug 9), 10pm, from Aug 12, 8pm. Opens Aug 14, 7pm.

TWO BOYS IN A BED ON A COLD WINTER'S NIGHT James Edward Barker's play about the dynamics of the one-night stand; honest and sawy Arbs, Great Newport St, WC2 (0171-836 3334). Mon-Thurs, 8pm. Fri and Sat. 7pm and 9pm. Until September 7 THE YELLOW WALLPAPER
Patricia Boyer and Tobias Burns in a stage adaptation of this remarkable 1890 novel by Charlone Portrins Gilman and Stage adaptations and Stage adaptations and Stage adaptations. tracing a wife's journey into madness Directed by Judith Roberts. New End. 27 New End. Hampstead. NW3 (1077-794 0022) Tue-Sat. 8pm, mat Sun. 4pm Unit August 11

LONG RUNNERS ☐ Blood Brothers, Phoentx (0171-369 1733) . ☐ Don't Dress for Dinner 

Ticket information supplied by Society of London Theatre

CINEMA GUIDE Geoff Brown's assessment of films in London and (where indicated with the symbol ◆ )

Alanna Ubach and Dan Gunther silly fun on a ligaded artiner, with Kurl Russell, Halte Berry, and a consignment of nerve gas. Produced by Joel Silver ◆ EXECUTIVE DECISION (15) Good.

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◆ THE HUNCHBACK OF NOTRE DAME (U) Victor Hugo meets the Daney animalors. A perverse, and perversely successful, mix of the cuddly and downboat. Directors, Gary. and downboat Directors, Gary Trousdale and Krik Wise Clophann Picture House (0171-498 33.73 MGMs: Baker Street (0171-935 9772) Trocadero (01017)-434 0031) Odeons: Kensington (01426 914666) Leicester Square (01426-915-683) Swiss Cottage (01426 914 098) Ritzy

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HUSTLER WHITE (18) Unappealing adventures of male hustlers on Senta Monica Boulevard, Directors, Bruce LaBruce and Rick Castro ICA Cinema (0171-930 3647)

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◆ TWISTER (PG) Cardboard characters chase formadoes. Great special effects, but repetition softens the impact With Helen Hunt and 84 Parton Director, Jan De Bortl ABC Tottlenham Court Road (0171-636 6146) Barbican (2) (0171-638 3391). Clanham Picture House (0171-498 636 6149| Barbican (§) (0171-638 9391, Clapham Picture House (0171-498 3323) Empire (0590 888990) MGMs: Baker Street (0171-935 9772) Trocedero (§) (0171-935 9772) Odeoms: Kensington (01426 914656) Swiss Cottage (01426 914098) Plaza (0390 888990) Rio (0171-254 6677) Ritay (0171-737 2121) Screen(Green (0171-226 3520) UCI Whiteleys (§) (0990 888990) Virgins: Chelsea (0990 888990) Virgins: Chelsea (0171-352 5096) Fulham Road (0171-

# Second round fires a blank

**NEW ON VIDEO** 

■ DESPERADO Columbia TriStar, PG, 1995

AS A reward for his shoestring El Mariachi. Robert Rodriguez got to remake it, more or less, with Columbia's millions and a fast-rising star. Antonio Banderas. The balladeer with a guitar case full of guns tangles with drug barons and shoots right, left and centre. But the capering looks less attractive in plush surroundings, and cheeky black humour is replaced by chic bloodshed. Available to rent.

■ THE CELLULOID CLOSET

Electric, 15, 1995 SPEEDY video release for this documentary survey of Hollywood's treatment of homosexuals down the century. Clips come mixed with interviews (from Whoopi Goldberg to Gore Vidal). Rob Epstein and Jeffrey Friedman's film may not survive the rigorous scrutiny of gay activists. But it is hard not to be entertained, and at times appalled, by the presentation of gays as lisping cissies or suicide fodder, or the means adopted to slip in gay glances when Hollywood was not looking.

■ COLD FEVER Electric, 15, 1994

"HOW do you like Iceland?" someone asks the hero, a polite Japanese come to perform a memorial rite for his parents. He finds it very strange. Fridrik Thor Fridriksson's lovely film pursues his snowbound adventures with friendly eccentrics, unfriendly hitchhikers and the national drink. Brennivin. If the spirit of Jim Jarmusch hangs in the air, it is because the producer and instigator is Jarmusch collaborator Jim Stark. But it takes an Icelandic director to find such beauty in the bleak landscapes and to treat the country's quirks with impish affection.



**■ CLOCKERS** 

BROOKLYN kids get sucked into a A frustrating experience, available to spiral of drugs and crime as Harvey Keitel's homicide cop breathes down their necks. A far better movie lurks inside Spike Lee's heavy-handed version of Richard Price's novel. You catch glimpses when cops handle a corpse like a butcher mauling a chicken, or peer pressure mounts among the kids.

Then Lee mounts his soapbox or iolts our arm with some crude visual trick.

**■** ROPE CIC. PG. 1948

HITCHCOCK'S experiments with tenminute takes significantly increase the theatrical air of this fascinating version of Patrick Hamilton's play. Two young

men (John Dall. Farley Granger) kill a childhood friend for kicks and then test their mettle by socialising with friends and family while the corpse lies hidden in their apartment. Hamilton's inspiration was the Leopold-Loeb murder case (later the spark for Swoon): but the teasing sadism, amorality and sexual ambiguity come from Hitchcock alone.

GEOFF BROWN

# NEW CLASSICAL CDs: Pictures of Iceland; incandescent Argerich; Domingo's robust Quixote

Tchaikovsky's Piano Concerto

No I in B Flat Minor by

Martha Argerich (recorded

with Kirill Kondrashin in the

early 1980s) was released by

Philips. Now DG is issuing an

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**■ HALLGRIMSSON** String Quartets, etc Kreutzer Quartet Eye of the Storm EOS 5001\*\*\*

UNTIL recently. Haffidi Hall-◆ MISSION: IMPOSSIBLE (PG): grimsson, the Icelandic composer now living in Edinburgh whose collaboration with the painter Craigie Aitchison in Crucifixion led to a particularly successful Scottish Chamber Orchestra commission earlier this year, has been too little known on disc. Now a double album of his chamber music from the Kreutzer Quartet makes up

for lost time. It also breaks new ground in offering two different performances, by the same play-ers, of two of Hallgrimsson's pieces for string quartet. In spotting the differences, the listener's understanding of the work is enhanced. And Hallgrimsson's music repays such close attention; his music is written in painterly detail, with precise densities of texture and placings of line.

The cello, Hallgrimsson's own instrument, leads in slow, shamanic chant, in Four Movements for String Quartet of 1990-91. The players then progress very much as four soloists, searching out often unpredictable expressive extremes in what is essentially contemplative, lyrical music. The more conventionally structured String Quartet No l from 1989 is no less challenging both to listen to and to play. And the discs also offer (single) performances of Solitaire, five early monologues for solo cello; and Offerto for solo violin (1991). four literally graphic movements, dedicated to the memory of one of Iceland's leading

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abstract artists, Karl Kvaran.

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**■** TCHAIKOVSKY Piano Concerto No 1/ Nutcracker Suite Argerich/Berlin Philharmonic Orchestra/ Abbado DG 449 816-2\*\*\* IT WAS only a year ago that another live performance of

conducting (it already has a studio version from Argerich and Dutoit in the catalogue). Argerich is such an electrifying, mercurial performing artist - and one prepared to live

dangerously - that this proliferation of readings can easily be justified. She may take risks - as in the vertiginously cascading double octave passage in the first movement but her supreme technique sees her through. Abbado's secure but spontaneous accompaniment complements Argerich's incandescence ide-

Another unique feature of this release is the coupling: a brilliant arrangement Nicolas Economou of The Nutcracker Suite for two pianos. Economou is the second pianist and he matches Argerich for virtuosity in the March and Trepak, for delicaev in the Dance of the Sugar

Plum Fairy and for abandoned lyricism in the Waltz of

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**■** LEIGH Man of La Mancha Migenes/Domingo/Hadley/ Patinkin/Ramey/American

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ONE OF the aims of this recording, resting in Sony's archives since 1990, was presumably to give Placido Domingo a chance to sing the show's hit song, The Impossible Dream. This he duly does with all the fervour he would give to one of Andrea Chenier's visionary outbursts. The Spanish accent, suitably thickened, does well for the spoken role of Cervantes himself, who gets the whole thing going. But it is difficult to imagine Domingo, most robust and healthy of tenors, as the skeletal Don Quixote, man

of La Mancha. Julia Migenes, Domingo's partner in the screen Carmen. has more character as that other Spanish slut, Aldonza. Migenes is line reminding Quixote she was born on a dung heap, less effective when assuming the sweeter tones of "Dulcinea". Sony packs the smaller roles

with some starry names. much in the way DG did when recording Candide and West Side Story. The only snag is that Mitch Leigh is no Leonard Bernstein and the score, despite the prizes heaped on it in 1965, now sounds thin. Samuel Ramey is wasted as the innkeeper: Rosalind Elias is way past her best as the housekeeper: Mandy Patinkin's Sancho is straight out of the Bronx: and Robert White turns the Barber into an Irish leprechaun. Two Domingo sons. Placido Jr and Alvaro, come on for a speciality number. Little Bird, more calypso. than bolero

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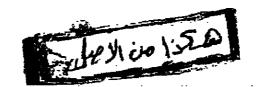
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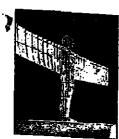
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AWARDS

The tallest sculpture in Britain, Antony Gormley's Angel of the North, wins a top prize before it's even built



■ THEATRE

In Chichester, Harriet Walter gets little help from her supporting actors in a new staging of Hedda Gabler





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Peter Maxwell **Davies conducts** the first London performance of his Nordic-flavoured Sixth Symphony



RADIO

Panic over John Birt's plans for the BBC World Service: are reports of its death exaggerated?

Prizes for art projects to regenerate urban areas are awarded today. Daniel Rosenthal reports

# Angel on the hard shoulder

ntony Gormley's 65ft high by 169ft wide Angel of the North stands head and wings above the five other arts ventures which today receive £5,000 prizes in the annual British Gas Properties Working for Cities Awards. The tallest sculpture in Britain, it is also the most controversial of the six victorious projects. And it has not even been built yet.

Working for Cities, run in association with the Arts Councils of Eng-land, Wales and Scotland, and 6 One now in its sixth vear, exists to celrebrate the artsdriven regenera-tion of urban en-

judge was adamant vironments. that it The regenerative powers of the shouldnit Turner Prizewinning sculpwin 🤊 tor's Angel cannot be assessed until July next

year, by which time the giant steel figure should have risen up on a disused colliery beside the Al. on the southern outskirts of Gateshead, from where it will watch over some 90,000 motorists a day.

The seven judges, including Sir Bob Scott, chief executive of the Greenwich Millennium Trust, deemed the statue the "most exciting and original" urban project in development. But in some quarters Gormley and the Gateshead councillors who commissioned Angel would have won a prize ac-knowledging art's ability to divide, rather than unite, a

Liberal Democrat councillors on Gateshead's Labourrun authority launched a vocilerous Stop the Statue campaign last year. Angel would be a hazardous distraction to drivers, some said. A performing-arts centre could bring greater benefits. Alerted to an apparent re-

semblance between Angel and an Albert Speer statue erected by the Luftwaffe outside Berlin in 1935, the Gateshead Post ran front-page photographs of Speer's and Gormley's designs, beneath the headline

'Nazi ... but nice?". National recognition for Angel, whose estimated £800,000 construction cost will be funded largely through a National Lottery grant, will probably revive the acrimony.

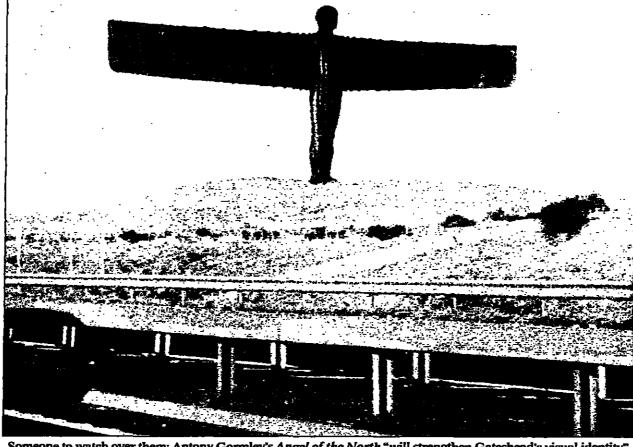
Not surprisingly, Sir Bob Scott says Gormwork sparked a passionate debate among judges: "One person hated it and was adamant it shouldn't win. But the majority wanted to applaud the bravery and imagination behind a project which

will come to be admired and respected." Sid Henderson, chairman of Gateshead council's arts committee, said: "Angel will strengthen Gateshead's unique visual identity at a time when our towns are taking on a more and more

standardised appearance."
Those who feel the worth of artistic initiatives should be gauged by the number of people they involve will cheer the Community Arts award for Cardiff's the Pioneers.

Founded by Nick Clements in 1981, the group has enlisted more than 30,000 Cardiff residents, representing about 20 nationalities, to design, build and maintain mosaics and murals which brighten dozens of sites, from a pedestrian underpass to a Sikh Temple. Much of their work is with teenagers facing bleak employment prospects. "We use art to give young people the spark of creativity that can

increase self-esteem," Cle-



Someone to watch over them: Antony Gormley's Angel of the North "will strengthen Gateshead's visual identity"

ments said. "I'm not suggesting every school-leaver becomes an artist, but a lo-yearold who has hands-on involvement in art will make a better mechanic or plumber."

Clements and co-director Sarah Osborne will use their prize to fund a link-up with Methodist ministers on Cardiff's troubled Ely housing estate, their joint aim "to convey the urgently needed message of good parenting to mothers and fathers so young that they are still children themselves". The Spitalfields Festival, in

East London, was judged Best

Festival. More than 2,000 schoolchildren and adults from Tower Hamlets take part each year in educational and community work centred around the eclectic three-week summer music programme at

Christ Church Spitalfields. Michael Berkeley, who with fellow composers Judith Weir and Anthony Payne became the event's joint artistic director last year, said: "We feel there's no point in Spitalfields being just another London music festival. It has to achieve something germane to its community." Part of that relevance translates into free concert admission for people from a deprived area who, says Berkeley, would otherwise not be exposed to "the humanising influence

London can also celebrate the Public Art award for A Light in Docklands, the £120,000 show which illuminated buildings along the Docklands Light Railway last Christmas

The Arts Centre award goes to the £4.5 million Sunderland City Library and Arts Centre, which has attracted more than one and a half million visitors since opening in January 1995.

Batley's Public Art programme won its award for imaginative arts-led regeneration of a site or space". Landmarks, stained glass and other works have been produced in conjunction with local people in the North Kirklees town to counter low morale caused by the decline of the area's textile industries.

Sir Bob Scott and the other judges were looking for community projects which, through very different methods, would all have a lasting local impact - the key goal for those seeking victory in the

# Revolution that wasn't

RADIO: The hoo-ha about

World Service reforms misses

the mark, **Peter Barnard** says 7 hen John Birt's restructuring of the BBC was an-

nounced in June, I was underwhelmed. I was especially underwhelmed when obituaries began appearing in other newspapers for the **BBC World Service: reports** of its death seemed to me to be exaggerated. The June panic was

caused by the announcement that the World Service would in future come under the umbrella of BBC News, with its programmes commissioned from that great amorphous mass and more or less imposed on the World Service itself.

In spite of manic baying by various former luminaries of the WS, I felt it advisable to remain calm. I know a thing or two about the structure of large organ-isations: after pulling down one edifice, they tend to replace it with one of a very similar appearance.

Thus it was that on July l6 a news release was issued which received very little exposure at the time. It announced that news programmes for the World Service would, in the brave new world, be made by "a dedicated news team". Programmes for the WS would remain the responsibility

of an integrated unit". This was not exactly backtracking, it was an exposition (by Tony Hall, the chief executive of BBC News) of what the Birt revolution actually meant. As I suspected, there was less to this revolution than met the eye. But by then the panic had acquired momentum. The

Government and one of its

associated select committees summoned the BBC to Whitehall and Westminster to explain itself.

The Foreign Office, piqued at Birt's failure to consult them in advance, let it be known that the World Service was something akin to a sacred trust. Dammit, Birt, spat the FO. do we not

fund the blessed thing? At this point I wondered if this could by any chance be the same Foreign Office that had announced, last November, a cut of £5.4 million in the World Service budget for this year. And not just this year, for this Foreign Office also announced that the WS budget for 1997-98 would be cut by a further £8.6 million.

Which brings us to this week's strong hint from Jeremy Hanley, the junior Foreign Office minister. that the Government wants WS reform plans shelved pending a review of how the service's "special nature"

could be retained. After the briefest period of head-scratching, I have conretaining this special nature would be to restore funding. so that the BBC did not have to "look for efficiency savings", as it announced in response to the funding cut. These savings include putting the World Service under the umbrella of BBC News, to the consternation of the, er, Foreign Office. How interesting that, just when we might have been ranting at the Foreign Office for cutting BBC funds, the FO invites us to rant at the BBC for cutting expendi-

ture. What can it all mean?

# Two Heddas better than one

# THEATRE

Hedda Gabler

Minerva, Chichester

Believe it or not, the last week has thrown up two stagings of this play at high-toned addresses, one at the Donmar in WC2. the other in West Sussex. And which is the winner in what a racing man might call the Great Gabler Stakes? Well. Stephen Unwin's revival for the English Touring Company crosses the line two or three lengths ahead of the production Lindy Davies has now mounted in Chichester. But where is the more effective heroine to be found? That is a much closer-run affair. After a photo-finish, this steward believes that Harriet Walter at

but only by a short Hedda. It is easy to see why the role continues to attract fine actresses. After all, there are many different ways of playing the mixture of frustrated intelligence and warped, dis-torted emotion that is Ibsen's Hedda. For Fiona Shaw recently, she was a cornered animal in the last stages of a nervous breakdown precipitated by half a year's honeymoon with that epitome of the second-rate, her husband Tesman. For Gilbreath at the

IF THE Orkney-based Peter Maxwell Davies counts as a

Nordic composer, and with a little geographical licence he

might, then his Prom with the

Royal Philharmonic Orches-

tra was an all-Nordic affair.

The centrepiece was his new

Sixth Symphony, receiving its

first London performance: as much as any of Maxwell Davies's music this exudes a

Nordic spirit, one that was

reinforced by the Sibelius and

Nielsen works which shared

the Minerva has beaten Alex-

andra Gilbreath in London;



Harriet Walter "exudes a powerful, seductive charm"

Donmar, she was almost the opposite. To watch this innatealoof woman wincing in dismay from the clods around her was to feel oneself touched

by ice, not fire. Walter is nearer Gilbreath than to Shaw, and more complete than either. Never for a moment does she forget that she is General Gabler's aristocratic daughter. She looks magnificent whether she is in dressing-

gown or evening dress, and she exudes pride and, when she wants, a powerful, seductive charm. But you cannot miss the tension within. She obsessively paces the stage, as if Isabella Bywater's Scandinav. in living room was an adjunct to the tiger house in Oslo zoo, and she does subtle things with her face and hands: a bunching of the fists here, a feral twist of the lips

high-handed contempt for bourgeois convention and her genteel terror of being seen to flout it: her wry humour and her sense of horror. This last she directs mainly at the

when she pretends to think that the new hat belonging to

Tesman's aunt is actually the maid's ratty old bonnet.

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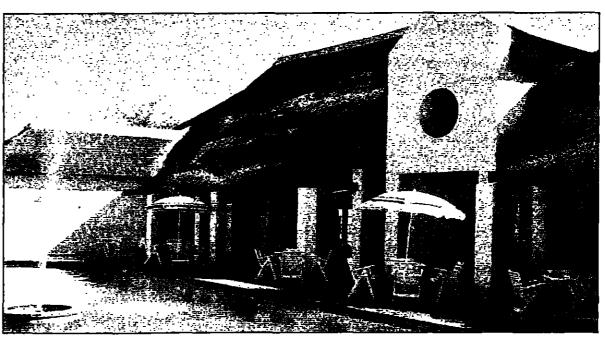
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pregnancy she keeps secret for most of the play, striking helplessly at her growing belly and, once, displaying symptoms that have more to do with retching self-disgust than morning sickness. No wonder she puts a lot into the scene in which she destroys the manuscript that her rival, Thea, has helped her old admirer, Lovberg, to compose. As she says, she is burning a baby. But nowhere does she get much help from her supporting actors. There is little depth in her bond with Lovberg. played by David Threlfall with Strindbergian hair but a subdued, abstracted air, and no excitement in her relationship with her latest wooer. Peter Blythe's bloodless Judge Brack. Nicholas Le Prevost makes some impression as a diffident, flustered yet not contemptible Tesman, but the production as a whole lacks the pace, narrative clarity and sheer thoughtfulness of its Covent Garden counterpart.

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the programme on Tuesday. Certainly the Sixth shows a very Northern preoccupation with textures, darkness and light. Sunless, surging passages contrast with moments of shimmering incandescence.

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Even when the large orchestra is used sparingly, the blocks of are mostly thick, though there are some bare-boned Shostakovich-like intrusions. Percussion is used prominently in the explosive outbursts in the central Adagio. Most striking of all is the strings-only threnody that opens the finale, the slowest of the three movements in a work whose basic pulse is slow. In spite of its length (50 ments around which the solo-

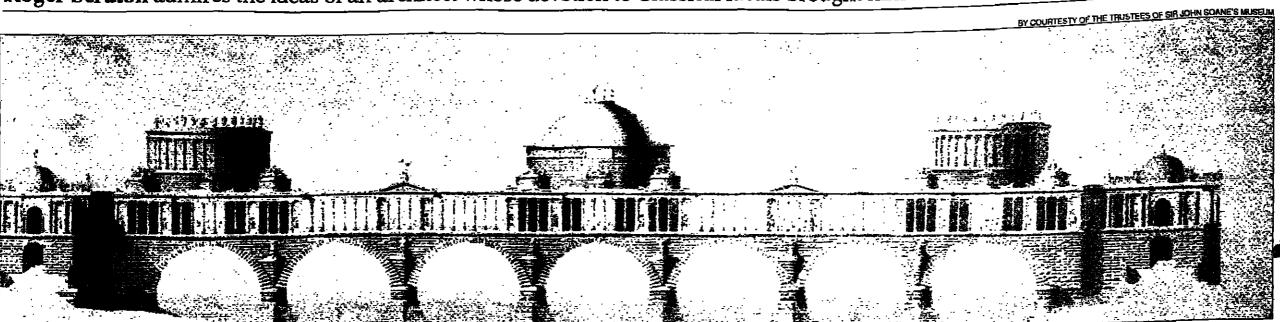
Sparking a blaze of northern lights minutes) it is a tightly organised score, full of chal-lenges which the RPO met confidently.

The other big work of the evening was Sibelius's Violin Concerto, with Tasmin Little the radiant soloist. She played with expressive freedom, lingering over the opening, working up impassioned momenturn later. She made the Adagio a sustained outpouring of great lyricism, and elsewhere darkened her silvery tone for dramatic effect. Though the finale came across with all the dancing virtuosity it demands, the first movement could have flowed better: the orchestral accompaniist splashes in all directions needed a tighter hand. Lemminkäinen's Return, however, found Maxwell Da-

vies on much more exciting form: he conducted a tense bristling account of Sibelius's tone poem, and conjured up playing full of wild and primitive Kalevala spirit. And he brought a special awareness of light to Nielsen's Helios overture, the Danish composer's response to the harsh Aegean sun. String sound had luminosity, and though the orchestra's ensemble was not the last word in precision, the blazing spirit of the work shone through.

JOHN ALLISON

Roger Scruton admires the ideas of an architect whose devotion to Classical ideals brought him both fame and opprobrium in his day



Soane's designs, inspired by his sense of the architect as one inspired by the highest ideals, acknowledged the importance both of a building's public reality and the sensibility of its users: his elevation for a "Triumphal Bridge", 1777

ir John Soane (1753-1837) is known to all students of architecture, not only for his buildings, the greatest of which, the Bank of England, has been enlarged and mutilated beyond recognition — but also for the two houses in which he lived and which he filled with his priceless art. Modernists like Pevsner singled out Soane as a precursor of the 20th-century radicals, an architect prepared to defy the Classical style. in order to produce forms and spaces more suited to the modern age. But Soane himself would have despised the modern movement, believing that experiments are artistically worthless unless conduct-

ed within a living tradition.

Soane made his mark in many ways. The mausoleum which he built for his wife in St Pancras' churchyard was adapted by Sir Giles Gilbert Scott to form the design of the original telephone booth - a design so manifestly superior to its wretched successors

Seeing the light and shade that Westminster City Council has decided to restore it. Soane was influential, too, as a collector and connoisseur. David Watkin's book draws our attention to another and neglected aspect of his work. In

Professorship of Architecture at the Royal Academy, a post which carried the obligation to deliver lectures to students. These lectures were offered in 1809 and again in 1815 and eventually published, after many revisions. They form a remarkable statement of the principles of Classical architecture, illustrated with strik-

ing examples and a wealth of

criticism. Soane's recently discov-

ered papers show the extraordinary

lengths to which he went in order to

understand the art of building, and

1806 Scane was appointed to the

David Watkin has drawn on them to provide a striking portrait of the last Enlightenment thinker. Watkin takes us on a pilgrimage

through Soane's course of study, showing the contribution made to the understanding of architecture by 18th-century philosophy and the steadily increasing refinement of architectural theory at the hands of the French and Italian literati who were Soane's favourite reading. The son of a bricklayer, with little formal education, Soane was determined to live up to his own ideal of the architect as a man of superior wisdom, inspired by the highest ideals. He taught himself French, Italian and Latin, and filled his library with every available treatise on his own and neighbouring arts. He approached his intellectual task

SIR JOHN SOANE Enlightenment Thought and the Royal Academy Lectures By David Watkin

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in the same spirit of humble selfimprovement as he approached his work as an architect. And when he came to deliver the lectures, he was conscious that he had not only mastered the principles of Classica building, but was both entitled and qualified to criticise the work of his contemporaries - something for which he was severely censured by the Fellows of the Royal Academy.

The resulting quarrel was partly responsible for the bitter selfisolation which marred Soane's declining years. But no reader of the lectures can regret Soane's ardent desire not only to praise but

also to blame where blame is due. Soane's ruling idea is that architecture is a discipline, the principles of which had been discovered with great labour by the ancients and set forth in the system of Orders. As he rightly discerns, the Orders are not to be understood in terms of abstract geometry. They divide a building into meaningful parts, and bring those parts together in harmony. Their power derives from moulding and shadow, and the aspiring architect must learn his trade not by dreaming up abstract schemes, but by going out

into the world and drawing what he sees — in particular by drawing the light as it falls across the surface of a building.

Good taste should be the architect's ideal as opposed to the "whim and caprice" which threaten to replace it. Good taste involves a respect for the public reality of a building, and for the fellow citizens who must live with it. From those simple but powerful premises Soane extracts an account of architecture that is far removed indeed from the practice of architects today. Yet how I wish that Colin St John Wilson, architect of the new British Library, had been brought up on this wise and philosophical thinker, and had learnt from him to respect the law of Ephesus, according to which the architect of a

public project must not only satisfy the citizens that his designs are in accordance with good taste, but also meet from his own pocket the expense of exceeding the estimated cost of them.

David Watkin's intellectual biography is graceful, scholarly and rewarding. His efforts have been matched by Cambridge University Press, who have produced the most lavish book of architectural scholarship in many years. The size and weight of a family Bible, beautifully illustrated with plates that spell out the argument so clearly that only a Modernist could fail to grasp it, and provided with margins so generous that the text has the same visual beauty as the illustrations. this is a book that all who despise the St John Wilsons and Richard Rogerses of this world will treasure. And if, on encountering such a person, they should wish to make the supreme sacrifice and throw the volume at his head, there is little chance that he would survive the

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Tone of us attended the Medici wedding celebrations in Florence in 1589, but the cumulative effect of James Saslow's book is to make readers of it feel they did. And that is achieved by no vaguely colourful evocation or at the expense of scholarship. On the contrary. The pages bristle with scholarly references and are studded with minute, precise details. often the product of the author's research, some of which are unlikely to concern a general audience and are sensibly reserved for the catalogue section and the notes.

The wedding celebrations of 1589 were in a tradition of public festivity in Florence associated particularly with the Medici family's rise to traced back to the opulent style with which the wedding of Lorenzo "the Magnificent" had been celebrated in the 15th-century republican city. By 1589 the Medici were established as reigning Grand Dukes of Tuscany, and Florence had witnessed a succession of grandiose ceremonies celebrating Medici births. deaths and marriages. The festivities of 1589 were intended to be the most sumptuous of

# The glory of insubstantial pageantry

Michael Levey

THE MEDICI WEDDING OF 1589 By James M. Saslow Yale, £30 ISBN 0 300 06447 0

all, with decorations in the streets and magnificent theatrical performances at court.

Inevitably, much of the spectacle has to be reconstructed from written sources, supplemented by engravings and drawings. Scholarship has frequently focused on this evidence, beginning a century ago with a brilliantly pioneering study by Warburg. Where Professor Saslow excels is in marshalling the material so that the reader enjoys a doubly privileged position: as specta-

tor of the elaborate, unfolding series of events and as eavesdropper on the even more fascinating, frantic backstage activities and exchanges, which involved a host of artists, craftsmen, overseers and suppliers, all required to turn the complex project into accomplished fact.

The crises and displays of temperament exhibited in the recent television programmes on the Royal Opera House seem tame and contrived by comparison with the real panic and rising anger which began to infect some of the responsible individuals in Florence in the spring of 1539. Yet all went wonderfully well in the end - apart from the anyway uncontrollable weather. And one must marvel at the thoroughness of the organisation, extending down to the provision of toilet buckets for

The bride and bridegroom met for the first time during the festivities. Theirs was a dynastic alliance exceptional not only in the lavish nature of its celebration but in its happy outcome. The bridegroom was the third Medici Grand Duke. Ferdinando I. whose earlier lot had not seemed to include exercise of secular power. Professor Saslow might have brought out the point more clearly, for until 1582 Cardinal

clared personae non grata.

It was quite like old times as

the new Russian counter-intel-

ligence service announced that

a civil servant had been caught

spying, and had made a

confession implicating no few-

er than nine Britons working at the British Embassy.

But now that we know so

much about the Secret Intelli-

gence Service, what do we

know about the organisations

that have replaced the bad old

Amy Knight's research re-

veals that not much has

changed. The KGB's foreign

intelligence service, then

known as the First Chief

Directorate, has made a seam-

less transition into Boris

Yeltsin's new SVR. There has

been some downsizing, but the

headquarters at Yasnevo is

staffed by the same profession-

als who had sought so unsuc-cessfully to undermine capit-

alism throughout the period of

But what about the FSK

(Russia's federal counter-intel-

ligence service), the mysteri-

superpower confrontation.

Ferdinando (as he then was) had just been uncle to the Grand Ducal heir. More could also have been said about the bride, Christine of Lorraine. We are told of her influential maternal grandmother, Catherine des Médicis, Queen Mother of France, but not of her paternal one, after whom she was named, Christina of Denmark — the subject of Holbein's famous portrait in the National Gallery - who was still alive at the date of the wedding. The Grand Duchess Christine would assume a most untypical role for a woman in Florence, becoming regent for both her son and grandson, and would be the dedicatee of a significant essay

figure of the ceremonies in 1589 was an artist, as well as part-organiser and virtual stage-manager, Bernardo Buontalenti. He has remained sadly unfamiliar in England outside specialist circles, though he possessed far greater energy of invention than his predecessor, Vasari. He truly was, in Professor Saslow's words, a "creative polymath". All the same, he should not be credited tout court, as he is here, as architect of the Chapel of the Princes at San Lorenzo.

Erudition is constantly fused in Professor Saslow's text with intelligent speculation about the ordinary, human aspect of things. He is not alraid to remind us that however exquisite a Florentine auditorium might look on the occasion, its atmosphere in reality would have been "crowded, warm and smelly" Characteristically, he has noted the modern custom of

bridal couples driving out to be photographed at the Medici village at Poggio a Caiano, where Christine, like previous Medici brides, rested before her entry into Florence.

This is a book about the arts in which people — and not merely those who are historically important - bulk with almost equal prominence. As readable as it is learned, it is patently addressed to people. and it deserves to be popular.

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### For the practitioners of the arrane arts it was the arcane arts it was A reassuring to hear, in May of this year, that in a titfor-tat expulsion so reminis-cent of the Cold War, four Russian "diplomats" had been expt. led from London as four British "spies" had been de-

Barsukov: head of FSB

ous department behind the arrest of SIS's mole, and the FSB (the federal security service), the overlapping security agency which demanded the expulsion of nine? Here Amy Knight excels, explaining the background to the appointment of Sergei Stepashin as the FSK's director, and the determination of General Mikhail Barsukov to restore the reputation of the FSB tarnished by bungled intelligence reports of the Chechen

To understand the power struggles now under way in the intelligence establishment of the Kremlin, one must go back to the events of the August 1991 coup, the subject of countless official cover-ups. Everyone involved, including Mikhail Gorbachev, has proof what happened, and Amy Knight has undertaken an impressive analysis to strip

away the mythology. that the version peddled in the West, and confirmed by vari-ous official investigations, is merely a self-serving fabrication intended to conecal the extent to which the Kremlin

was implicated. Apart from two key figures who seem to have committed suicide, the putsch collapsed with minimal consequences. None those who

supposedly detained Gorbachev at his presidential dacha at Foros was ever disciplined. and the conspirators who were arrested in the immediate aftermath have all been freed.

But what of the parts played by others? Not a shot was fired as Gorbachev's 32-strong presidential guard surrendered to five men from the KGB's crack Alpha squad. No calls for help were made from the car telephones available, and why was Yevgeni Primakov allowed to leave Foros and fly to Moscow at the height of the coup? A seasoned KGB professional. Primakov was close to

foreign policy adviser. He was then appointed head of the SVR, and is now Boris

Yeltsin's Foreign Minister, Amy Knight's view is that the coup was no such thing, but rother an officially sponsored attempt to reimpose an authoritarian style of Communist rule, managed in a way that made the whole scheme

would be unable

to seize power, it

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**SPIES WITHOUT CLOAKS** By Amy Knight Press, \$10.95 ISBN 0 691 02577 0

> deception. So: plus ca change. In January 1994 the FSK announced the arrest of a defence official on a charge of spying for Britain, and last year M15 identified a Russian television journalist, Aleksandr Malikov, as an SVR agent and he was deported. For those employed by what has been called the second oldest profession, it is comforting to know

Nigel West is the European Editor of The World Intelli-

least one industry.

that there is job security in at

# A snip and a nip and little else

THE castrated male is not one of my top fantasies, yet first there was the film about Farinelli and now this strangely similar book telling us that a castrato in your bed is really where it's at.

To increase the appeal, both book and film claim outstanding beauty for their male sopranos, defying history. I always thought that the castrato was essentially a divine voice inside the body of a plump capon, but the heroine of this book is obsessed by the wondrous physique of her opera singer lover.

The setting is Naples: rich southern European Baroque, with plenty of velver ribbons at the throat and brocade decolletage. Of two children who have grown up in the same small village, the girl. Carlot-ta, marries a duke and the boy. Gasparo, is taken off for the fateful snip ("only one hoy in four fails to survive"). They meet again in the city, when he has become a famous performer. He sings a lot, and yes, they make love a lot, and that's more or less it.

Dutch writer Margriet de Moor, here translated by Ima Rilke, indulges in 18th-century Neapolitan delights, offering a perfectly amoral cast who consume many lovers of both sexes. In a series of overheated interiors a torrid atmosphere reigns, husbands gossiping about their new boyfriends with their own wives. The surroundings are a succession of cosy boxes at the opera and scented boudoirs: in this city of spectacular views, there is

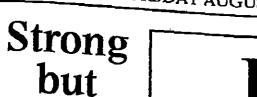
**Harriet Paterson** 

THE VIRTUOSO By Margriet de Moor Picador, £12,99 ISBN 0-330-34115-4

scarcely a vista to be found. The author focuses not at all on plot, but instead on the immediate experience of the sensations of sex and music. The book is seen through Carlotta's eyes, but her feelings never develop in any real mse: she jumps straight into full-blown erotic infatuation and gets stuck there, in a kind of voluptuous stasis.

ALL THIS leaves us without much to grasp at, especially as the historical placing is impressionistic rather than factual. It is a pity de Moor says little about the famously rigorous training of the castrati, the results of which could be so extraordinary. Farinelli. greatest of them all, is said to have had a range spanning live octaves.

The Virtuoso is an exercise in linguistic prettiness and musical display which leaves out feeling and experience. Perhaps it is the gilded vacuity of Gasparo's life that is the most accurate historical element in this book — even Farinelli ended his career in a blaze of resplendent emptiness: employed by Philip V of Spain, he received an astronomical fee for performing his sole dury, to sing the same four songs to the King each night.



stale ynthia Ozick is one of those sainted few who, through no promotion of their own, have come to be known as a writer's writer. Granted, this moniker smacks of what A. S. Byan calls "tur-key-cocking" — think of a man's man, a soldier's soldier but the appellation is not always as chauvanistic as it sounds. A writer's writer can be someone on the leading edge of experimentation (Gertrude Stein, James Joyce, Alasdair Gray), or - more often — someone who is equipped intellectually and strategically to hold the fort against all comers. Cynthia Ozick is one of those - a fire ant of the mind, a worker bee who doubles as Valkyrie.

Portrait of the Artist as a Bad Character is Ozick's fourth collection of essays, and those familiar with her previ-ous writing will discover no new corners here. Perhaps this is because, as a writer now in her sixties. Ozick published late. In the opening essay of this collection, Ozick tells of her frustration over remaining unpublished until her late twenties. As with everything she writes, she relates this tale of unfulfilled ambition with so much genuine humility that it sounds almost tender.

Ozick loves her work, that much is evident - but more than that, it seems she can't believe her own success. Once success finally found her, it came in a stroke, like knighthood. But by that time all her prejudices about literature were fully formed. Hers is not an intelligence shaped by pub-

> Marianne Wiggins

PORTRAIT OF THE ARTIST AS A BAD CHARACTER And Other Essays on

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lishing. She knew what she thought before she "arrived". The best writer's writers al-

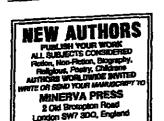
But as much as those original opinions constitute her strength, they also reveal her weakness. Ozick is not a not easily aroused. Once she assesses that some wrong needs righting, she takes up her pen on subjects ranging from the Old Testament's Book of Ruth to the nuances between a Bronx and a Brooklyn accent. But her old themes, those formative threnodies, orchestrate everything she writes, and there comes a point, regretfully, when every theme and variation has been played, and we have heard it all before.

This is not to say that Ozick doesn't go at all her subjects with anything less energetic than a scherzo tempo - but her oldies are more mouldy now than golden. Her heroes - Henry James, Emerson, Isaac Babel - have featured in her essays for 20 years, and although their contributions to the canon of literature are historically established. Ozick rolls them out for every new parade. Enough, already, the reader wants to plead, with the Henry James. Bring on anyone but Henry. Jesse James. Or Clive. Or Etta.

the 22 essays herein assembled, some simply never leave the ground. Like Howard Hughes's massive aeronautic folly, the Spruce Goose, Ozick's less successful essays are wonderful constructions made of material that is, fatally, essentially wooden.

It may be unpardonable to blame a writer (even a writer's writer) for choosing her material less than perfectly, but Ozick is one writer from whom we, as hungerers after lucid, generous, soul-sustaining thought, demand - and usually receive — the best.

Five of the essays here among them Literature and the Politics of Sex, Ruth and Innovation and Redemption: What Literature Means - are incomparable exercises in the magic and healing properties of great literature. If you have ever dreamt of writing - or. for that matter, of any form of consummate self-expression you will want to keep these near you to safeguard your optimism through the dark nights.



# Echoing sea of blissful sound



The composer's second wife, Cosima, and their daughter Eva

Wagner! How delightful! How splendid! How ea-gerly I rush to its pages! How I dance for joy when I put the (approximately) seventeen-thousandth book about him on to my creaking shelves!

And you tell me, do you, that this one is not confined to the major works — it includes *Die Feen. Ďas* Liebesverbot and Rienzi, which nobody produces, not even at Bayreuth. Marvellous, marvellous! And there are all of 225 pages in this one, you say? Well, well! James, kindly pass the cyanide, and pass it

Now then. It is well known that I, Bernard Levin, passionately love the music of Richard Wagner, But so do millions upon millions more. Silly people play a silly game of "If you had to choose Mozart or Wagner, which would you choose?", and I would of course choose Mozart. (And though Beethoven wrote only one opera, that one still must take the blue riband even when Die Meistersinger is in one scale and Fidelio in the other).

Happily, we can have the lot, so what is all the fuss about? It is this: Wagner's music is profoundly different from any other's; Wagner was truly sui generis. Take one only minor item in what could be a hundred. Wagner's music never stops; the music flows without any break. That in itself can hardly be called alarming, but the sounds Wagner makes are not to be heard from any other musician. The people who shudder at Wagner are feeling things that only Wagner

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Bernard Levin on the genius of a

composer whose unique music defies

criticism and sings for itself

could, and did, produce. And those who flee from Wagner are those who fear to see themselves too deep. Very well. But there have been hundreds of books — I believe it is thousands — about Wagner. So why should yet another have been written now, this time by Michael Tarmer, to add to the flood? Mind, Mr Tanner is no shallow

scribbler, just wearily repeating what has been scribbled again WAGNER and again. He has By Michael Tanner done his homework HarperCollins, £18 thoroughly and deep-ISBN 000 2555328 when he quotes in German he is not

showing off, and he always digs deep to get Fainer's gold. But what has he truly added to the understanding, the meaning, the glory, the stupendous genius of Richard Wagner — that we did not already know? On the fourth page of Mr Tanner's book, we encounter

this passage:
The fact that people would forgive Wagner his alleged megalomania, his genuine anti-Semitism, his (ludicrously exaggerated) womanising, his conversion from left revolutionary to right nationalist. and anything else known or suspected about him, if they didn't find something in his music-dramas, perhaps more specifically in his

Surrender Old Followier :

But that was Mr Tanner dipping only a toe; we shall be up to the neck sooner or later. What about this bit of repetition? The huge significance of Siegfried's awakening of Brunnhilde is indicated by the music to which she wakes up' well, yes, but twice two make four,

And what about this: "The greatest and most fascinating contrast between Tristan and Die Meistersinger, is not that

> cerned with it, but that Wagner moves from his patently doctrinal work to his most covertly instructive one."

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metaphysics,

And this? "What, it seems to me, can more plausibly be alleged against Siegfried is not his negative characteristics, but his comparative lack of positive ones . . . But there is scant indication that he has much

in the way of a sex-drive . . . " Er . . . I hesitate to say that Mr Tanner has wasted his time entirely, for presumably he thinks that the effort he has shown was worth the struggle. Two and a half cheers, then, for him. But, alas, many Wagnerites will pick up Mr Tanner's book, but rather more will nut it down. That is nothing to do with

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Mr Tanner's style (though ! groaned rather frequently), but it is that Wagner said it all in his music. and therefore there is nothing more to say. And when there is nothing more to say, the best thing to do is to fall silent and listen to the music.

Why should Mr Tanner desperately sprinkle his pages with names: Adorno, Nietzsche, Schoenberg, Bach, Pfitzner, Keats, (Keats?), Mozart, Achilles, Homer, Schopenhauer, Gobineau. Palestrina and many, many more? Because of course he has nothing else to say: Wagner has said it all.

Listen. Listen! If you want to be transfixed by Wagner's genius (and I certainly do), stop thinking and just listen. He will tell you with his music everything you want to know about every note he wrote, and all we need is a text or a score — and now we have sur-titles we don't even need these. Richard Wagner knew what he was doing. And what he was doing was making sounds such as no man or woman has ever made before and never will again.

is genius will live forever, the feelings that he gives us are unique; those who have not ve met Richard Wagner will find themselves in a new world.

Come; I handled Mr Tanner rather roughly. I ask pardon, but all he needs to soothe his bruises is the sound of the first bars of Das Rheingold. Mr Tanner must know that Wagner was steeped in Shakespeare and gave him homage, so let us finish with Shakespeare himself: "Hark — the music!"

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understanding of a dead world. He does so by attempting to reconstruct and interpret the dead language of guage? English. The world? The antebellum slave South. Greenberg contends that the "honorable gentlemen" who were its masters spoke a language "as alien to a modern English speaker as any more conventional foreign tongue". Without a translation, we cannot hope to understand the nature of slavery, or the Civil War, or the Southern

"The search for meaning in the language of honor has led me to ask numerous questions rarely posed by other students the South," Professor Greenberg writes. "Why did Southerners dissect Nat Turner's body? Why did Southern gentlemen not in-vent and play baseball? He acknowledges that the reconstruction of a language is a messy business — "as is sug-gested." he adds disarmingly. by the sprawling subtitle of this volume". As subtitles go, it is certainly on the long side: Lies, Duels, Noses, Masks. Dressing as a Woman. Gifts. Strangers. Humanitarianism. Death, Slave Rebellions, the Proslavery Argument, Baseball, Hunting and Gambling in the Old South."

He starts with noses. Sometimes, white men of the antebellum South pulled, or tweaked, one another's noses.

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ual books have been collected

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volumes. The first, Poems

1970-1974, appeared last year.

with Isabel Martin's helpful

and enthusiastic introduction.

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up to date, is now out. For a poet to be collected like this.

and at the age of 50 in mid-

career, is quite unheard of.

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the unofficial laureate of a

decaying nation". Tom Paulin

In public poetry - state-of-

the nation, state-of-the-world,

why-are-we-here, what-is-this-

crummy-thing-called-life - it

is generally rhyme that pro-

vides the backbone: Tony Harrison is an example that springs to mind. What sets

Peter Reading apart is that he uses metre for the job, mostly

Classical dactyllic metre. Lat-

in hexameters and couplets

and older Greek forms too.

The effect is extraordinary and

particular to Reading: he has

customised the language more

radically than any other poet

of the moment.

has called him.

Ian McIntyre

HONOR AND SLAVERY By Kenneth S. Greenberg ISBN 0 691 02734 X

A caricature of honour: Jefferson Davis, President of the Confederacy, flees from Union troops at the end of the American Civil War (Currier and Ives, 1865) ways in which "men of honour" distinguished themselves from slaves: "they would never allow anyone to call them liars, they gave gifts; and they

tects similarities between the duel and the hunt - the hunter. like the duelist, often thought of his adversary as a worthy opponent." Not always, though. Greenberg reveals that there were some animals - the raccoon, for instance, and the opossum

not always the most natural of story-tellers, but Greenberg draws the reader after him as effortlessly as a Roald Dahl: "John Brown "A 'Possum, Sir," one Southarrived in Harper's Ferry. ern hunter informed an igno-Virginia, with hundreds of rifles and revolvers - as well as with pikes to be used by slaves to impale their

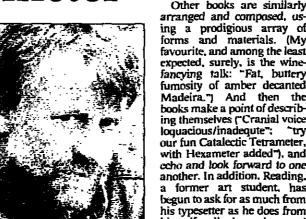
Elsewhere, he has interesting things to say about duelling (a conversation between

acknowledges the influence of that did not have the kind of character that would enhance the reputation of their killers.

rant friend, "is not a critter. Greenberg, in his Masters and Statesmen, has previously explored the political culture of American slavery. There are moments in Honor & Slavery when he appears to be hanggliding over the less wellmapped territory of psycho-

various works in the fields of linguistics and ethnography, and draws our attention to discussions of honour that have emphasized similar val-Revenge: The Enactment and Management of Conflict in Montenegro, for example, or Metaphors of Masculinity: Sex and Status in Andalusian Folklore.

I don't think he's pulling our leg, and if he is, I don't think we should mind, because he does it most entertainingly: "When the man of honor is told that he smells, he does not draw a bath — he draws a pistol. The man of honor does not care if he stinks, but he does care that someone has accused him of stinking." Quite right too.



Reading: unofficial laureate

sound of him) and a retired sea captain, stirring tales of adventure on the high seas and instructions on how to play the ukelele. Connecting these disparate and unlikely strands, each cunningly formed according to its own rules, are such things as Viv's trite P. S.: "worse things happen at SEA", her mis-spelt "LUTEing" and the suggestion of a pun on "George" Formby

Other books are similarly arranged and composed, using a prodigious array of forms and materials. (My favourite, and among the least expected, surely, is the wine-fancying talk: "Fat, buttery fumosity of amber decanted Madeira.") And then the books make a point of describing themselves ("Cranial voice loquacious/inadequte"; "try our fun Catalectic Tetrameter, with Hexameter added"), and echo and look forward to one another. In addition, Reading, a former art student, has

his typesetter as he does from himself, all deepening and varying the pleasure there is from reading Reading. A good many of his arrangements and juxtapositions do seem to me harsh and mechanical. I welcome signs. therefore, in the newest writing, of some personal core beyond the familiar gloom and outrage: the poems are beginning to look lived in, that quality that distinguishes, say,

Kurt Schwitters from your





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# Gallant the nose

enneth Greenberg's aim is to enlarge our

Slaves never pulled anyone's nose; neither did white women." In order to understand this meaningful gesture. he tells us. "it is necessary to explore the attitudes of men of honor towards lying, science, market activities, slaves, and much more." In the course of this analysis, we learn why P. T. Barnum was less popular in the South than in the North, why some of the good people of Charleston. South Carolina, got so worked up over the exhibition of the Feejee Mermaid in 1843 and why it was "that the nose was more important than the genitals to Southern gentlemen".

Greenberg is, in fact, using language in a somewhat technical sense. He concedes that Michel Foucault's "discourse" is possibly nearer the mark, and he might have done better still to settle for "behaviour". No matter. He writes with agreeable clarity, and in five short chapters his easy. free-wheeling style carries us a remarkably long way. "Each chapter sets out in a new direction and ends up returning to the same place - the place where slavery and honor intersect." He identifies three

did not fear death." cademic historians are

### two men in which each tried to remain a master and to avoid history. Here be dragons. He becoming a slave"), and de-Try some tetrameter

Michael Hofmann

COLLECTED POEMS Volume 2, 1985-96 By Peter Reading Bloodaxe, E20 ISBN 1852343562

Deliberately squalid, violent and apocalyptic contemporary contents are yoked to forms that for the best part of three millennia have been used for the beautiful and the heroic. and that even in English carry echoes of Victorian poets like Clough and Swinburne, or Georgians like Housman and Masefield. And here, taking his place among them, is Peter Reading describing a scene in which three dipsos (or "dispos (sic) presumably dispossessed") are falling upon tubs of supermarket-surplus mint

ice cream: "Each grasps a 2-litre polythene tub from which is extracted scoopings of green ice by black half-mooned fingers./ Slurping and beardsmirch, guzzle and emerald puke, punctuate pulls from the communal Blue of methyl amnesia.' This may strike the reader as wilfully, even unbearably sordid, but it has documentary

value (Reading, like Goya, says: I have seen this, these things happen) and - how-ever ironic it has literary value too: in the studied diction, in the colour imagery, in the dactyls and trochees. The collision between irre-

sistible - or perhaps more accurately, all-too-resistible content and immovable form is Reading's Big Bang. Over the years, it has thrown up innumerable variations and refinements. For instance, his 1985 book Ukelele Music, which opens this second volume of the Collected, assembles violent scenes from England and abroad, the comically illiterate notes of "Viv", a charlady who works for a grim poet (not a million miles away from Reading by the

# Pick the best football team and win £50,000

promised so much. Football's homecoming, with the success of Euro 96 and the arrival of some of the world's most exciting players for some of the most astonishing transfer fees, has raised the game's popularity to even higher planes.

And you can play your part again this season. Interactive Team Football (ITF), the stateof-the-art football game, returns bigger and better. The Times, in association with Sky Sports Interactive, is offering you the chance to show your football knowledge by selecting a team from the best players in Britain - those in the FA Carling Premiership and the leading clubs in the Bell's Scottish League. That expertise will be rewarded, too, with a £50,000 prize for the winning team selector and a further £1,000 going to the selector of the best team of the month and £250 for the best team of the week throughout

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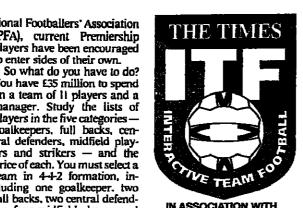
Not only will you be pitting your selectorial skills against other readers of The Times. you will also be matching your wits against those in the know.

sional Footballers' Association (PFA), current Premiership players have been encouraged to enter sides of their own.

You have £35 million to spend on a team of 11 players and a manager. Study the lists of players in the five categories — goalkeepers, full backs, central defenders, midfield play-ers and strikers — and the price of each. You must select a team in 4-1-2 formation, including one goalkeeper. two full backs, two central defenders, four midfield players and two strikers. You must pick a manager - who will have a price tag too. All the players and manag-

ers have been allotted a fivedigit code. Once you have selected your ITF team, you may enter it by post or telephone, using the entry form below. Then it is down to your players to score the points to take you to the top of the selectors' league. All matches from Saturday August 17 in the FA Carling Premiership, the Bell's Scottish League premier division and those in the FA Cup involving Premiership clubs and the Tennents Scottish Cup involving premier division

clubs will count. But how should you choose your team? The essential rules are that you cannot have more than two individuals (two players or one player and the manager) from any one club in your team, you may not pick the same player twice and that budget of £35 million. For example, if you select as your



of Stan Collymore and Robbie Fowler, that will take up your Liverpool allocation. If, however, one of your selected midfield players, say Paul Gascoigne, leaves Rangers to join Liverpool, you will then have three at the Anfield club - but you need not worry. ITF has an active transfer system. which is in operation from Saturday August 17 and you will be able to adjust your team accordingly. You must replace the outgoing player with one from the same category (a full back with a full back) and keep within your £35 million budget. Equally, if one of your players is transferred out of the Premiership or Scottish League premier division, he is no longer eligible for ITF. Any players from outside the Premiership or

Scottish League premier divi-

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available for transfer. Note. too, that there are several additional players since ITF was launched on Monday.

You have almost two weeks in which to enter a team and you may enter as many times as you like. Postal entries will start scoring as soon as they are processed and telephone entries made by 12 noon will start scoring from matches played on that day onwards.

Your players and manager will win and lose you points. Points are awarded depending on every goal scored and conceded with three points earned for a goalkeeper or defender (full back and central defender) scoring a goal, two points for a midfield player or striker scoring, three points for a defender keeping a clean sheet (not letting in a goal). four points for a goalkeeper maintaining a clean sheet, one point for a midfield player keeping a clean sheet and all players receive one point for appearing in a match (providing they play for 45 minutes in that game). Any player scoring a hat-trick will receive six bonus points. To secure points

minutes in that match. Points will be deducted for every goal a defender concedes (one), every goal a goalkeeper concedes (two), every booking a player receives (one), every time a player is sent off (three) and a point each for a penalty conceded by a player, a penalty missed and every own goal scored by a player.

for a clean sheet, a player must

have played for at least 75

If you have selected Kevin Keegan as your manager, you

Newcastle United win, one point if they draw and have a point docked if they lose. If Keegan was dismissed or moved to a club outside the Premiership or Scottish League premier division, vou

would need a new manager. There are two methods by

which you may enter: By post: fill in the entry form below (there is a step-bystep guide provided) showing the team in formation (photocopies are not acceptable) and send it with a cheque or postal order for £2 payable to The Times Interactive Team Football to Abacus House. Dudley Street, Luton, Bedfordshire. LUI IZZ to arrive by noon on Saturday, August 17. You will receive a letter of confirmation and notification of your Personal Identification Number (PIN) and team. The entry fee for registrations outside the United Kingdom and Republic of Ireland is £5.

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All ITF queries should be

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form and your additional £2.50, payable to The Times Interactive Team Football. Abacus House, Dudley Street, Luton, Bedfordshire, LUI 1ZZ. You cannot add members to your Mini-League after your

initial entry. The fee is £5 sterling for a Mini-League for entrants outside the United Kingdom and the Republic of Ireland. Further details

are available from 01582 488122. Each month, a letter will be sent to the chairperson showing the position of all entrants in their Mini-League.

### MINI LEAGUE ENTRY FORM

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**FOOTBALL** 

# Underdogs carrying Welsh hopes in Europe

By Our Sports Staff

IT WAS not Pelé's finest hour. From Santos and Brazil and the World Cup to a lictional and Sylvester Stallone in goal. Escape to Victory. A football fairy tale that went wrong somewhere twixt bright idea and the cutting room.

It was a non-starter, too fanciful to ring true, and, in a sensible world, it would never have been repeated. Nobody would fall for something like that again. Only this is not a sensible world and they - that is, everybody — has.

The storyline is simple. A small village team, from a very small village, rises from its middle-of-nowhere league in a ridiculously short period of time to win the national cup final. Then, even better, it takes on the might of Europe. Oh yes, the village and its team have a very silly name that hardly anybody can say. Welcome to the story of Llansantffraid-ym-Mechain.

Tonight, Llansantffraid, population 954, Welsh Cup-holders, take on Ruch Chorzow, 14 times the Polish league champions and present Polish Cup-holders. In a per-fect world, they would be doing so at Llansantffraid's homely Recreation Ground, little more than a school playing field, but sadly, in the sole concession to reality and safety regulations, they will meet in the first leg of their Cup Winners' Cup preliminary-round tie at the Racecourse Ground. Wrexham, a few miles away. Obviously,

the Welsh think they can win. "So much has happened to us in such a short time that nobody would bet against us getting a result against the Poles. We know next to nothing about them and it is a fair assumption they know just as little about us. We are going to have a look at them tonight on

seen us." So says Graham Breeze, team manager and local newspaper editor.

They hope for a crowd, too. You can usually count our supporters on match days just by looking around the field. We don't often get more than a couple of hundred, but they are all very keen and they will all be at the Racecourse Ground, along with, hopeful ly, a lot of new fans who will cheer us on as the reprsentatives of Wales. We are going to relish our few hours of fame. Welsh language television has made a documentary about us, we've had lots of inquiries about sponsorship and commercial backing and we will be wearing a local firm's logo on our shirts." Breeze again. All of which is a long

way from the Montgomeryshire Amateur League, where Llansantffraid were languishing six years ago. Since then, under Breeze's guidance, the club has risen steadily, culminating in a thrilling Welsh Cup success last spring, when Barry Town, already crowned champions of Wales, were beaten in a penalty shoot-out at Cardiff Arms Park. Chorzow, five internationals et al. are next on the agenda.

Tommy Morgan, 39, carries the bulk of Llansantffraid's hopes. He scored 27 goals last season and was offered a move to a club in South Korea until he told them his age. The captain, Gary Evans, will pull the strings in midfield and while his brother, Ian, is injured, there are the Whelan twins, John and Chris, in the squad. And four Joneses. If only one player comes from the village itself, no matter.

"It is a good team with a great spirit and everybody in the village treats them as their own," Breeze said. "What's happened is a bit of a fairy tale don't suppose they will have ness when the game starts."



Romario, the Brazil striker, signs autographs after being introduced to fans of his new club, Valencia, of Spain

RUGBY LEAGUE: WORLD CUP INCENTIVE FOR SCOTS AND IRISH

# Lindsay backs five nations' format

ON THE day that space scientists grappled with the mysteries of a meteorite fossil from Mars, several hundred people in Glasgow got to grips on Tuesday night with something just as alien to them. Rugby league is not quite so primitive, but it is life not as a Scottish sporting public knows it. To some, Partick Thistle was an apt choice as launch pad. The football club, a piggy-in-the-middle in the Old Firm divide, has been the butt of Glasgow comedians' jokes longer than the 101 years league has been

around. The official 1.147 attendance for the first Scotland v Ireland international on home soil looked to have been swelled by the Kinning Park Pipe Band and the mob-handed Rugby a video which has been sent to and we are enjoying it, but it Football League (RFL) party, poor relation, because we'll The Glasgow Black Eagles lish. Australia us by a friend in Europe, but I will be strictly serious busi- but it is a start. The RFL is have smaller crowds," Lind- were grounded in 1953 by the land players

Christopher Irvine reports on attempts to spread rugby league north of the border

League club north of the border at some point. In the shorter term, Mau-

rice Lindsay, the RFL chief executive, was sufficiently impressed with Scotland's 26-6 victory and the Firhill ground for him to propose entering both Scotland and Ireland in the World Cup in 14 months' time and giving them home advantage, in which case a five nations' tournament would be a natural development next summer.

"If we have a five nations. obviously it would be compared with the rugby union version and be written up as a

we have to start. Nobody in the previous 100 years began one, so all I would be doing is starting one for the next 100

Rugby league's previous ap-pearance in Glasgow, in 1909, coincided with another crisis over money in rugby union. That year, Scotland cancelled the Calcutta Cup because England had approved a three shilling allowance to the first All Blacks. Reports about the match were generally favourable, but one concluded that Scotland's conversion to the northern union game was as remote as Jewish conver-

sion to Christianity. anxious to build on it and, say said. "I don't care. I think governing body before the antecedence.

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team even took off. Three amateur sides - Forth and Clyde, Stirling University and RAF Kinloss - is a minute base for Graeme Thompson to work on. But, from his position on the left wing, the newly installed Scottish development officer was filled with encouragement.

The best selling point is seeing a match and word spreading by mouth," Thompson said. "There were four or five Scottish flags being waved. Next time it'll be 20 and so on. And that's before we've started our initiative in schools."

The term 'five nations' more accurately describes the cosmopolitan make-up of the two pro-am teams on Tuesday. If Scotland are to improve, they will require a few more English, Australian and New Zea-

# SPORT IN BRIEF

# Wasps optimistic of signing Tuigamala

THE prospect of another leading Wigan rugby league player gracing rugby union's Courage Clubs championship strengthened yesterday when officials at Wasps rated as better-than-even the chances of Va'aiga Tuigamala joining them (David Hands writes). Tuigamala has been linked with Bath, as have his Wigan colleagues Henry Paul and Andy Farrell, but as a former New Zealand international, the black strip of Wasps would be a more fitting reminder of his walls and the strip of wasps would be a more fitting reminder of

his union origins.

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"Like all leading clubs we have spoken to many available." Malcolm players and Tuigamala has been among them." Malcolm Sinclair, the Wasps team manager, said, "but nothing is signed or sealed yet." Tuigamala, a wing for the All Blacks but centre with Wigan, may, like Martin Offiah, seek to play

☐ Warrington have dropped lestyn Harris, who is on the transfer list for a world-record £1.35m, for their last three Stones Super League games of the season. Harris, 20, has been linked with Saracons, Llanelli, and Cardiff.

# **Coaching role for Bates**

TENNIS: Jeremy Bates, 35, who announced his retirement at this year's Wimbledon, is to take up a coaching position with the Lawn Tennis Association next week. The former British No I will become a member of David Felgate's national training and coaching team. "Having spent 15 years on the circuit and several under the spotlight as the leading British hope at Wimbledon. I believe I can help our best players deal with the preparations for and pressures of international tennis," Bates said.

☐ Greg Rusedski. of Britain, won the first set against Jim Courier, the world No 9. in the second round of the ATP Tour Championship in Mason. Ohio. but his serving then became erratic and Courier recovered to win 6-7, 6-3, 6-4.

# Divers stage boycott

DIVING: Britain's leading divers have refused to compete at the European junior championships, which start in Copenhagen today, because of a dispute between rival governing bodies (Craig Lord writes). The GB Diving Federation, which has for three years operated in opposition to the Amateur Swimming Federation of Great Britain (ASFGB), the traditional governing body, had selected 13 divers. However, the ASFGB said that only nine could go because some were affiliated only to the diving federation.

### Welcome success

EQUESTRIANISM: Harry Marshall, the Northern Ireland veteran, riding Velvisto, won the Kerrygold Welcome Stakes, the opening event at the Dublin International Horse Show, yesterday. He cut every possible corner in a jump-off to record the fastest clear round, ahead of Eimer Gundel, of Germany, on Argot. Michel Robert, of France, on Alligator Fontaine, beat Nick Skelton, riding the appropriately-named Quick Star, into second place in the Kerrygold Speed

# May calls it a day

CRICKET: Tim May, the former Australia Test off spinner. has retired from the game, aged 34. May, whose last Test appearance was against England in Sydney 18 months ago, s understood to be planning to spend more time on his business interests. He took 75 wickets in 24 Tests, with personal bests of five for nine and 42 not out.

Gerry Gomez, who played in 29 Test matches for West Indies, captaining the side against England in Trinidad in

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## **ATHLETICS**

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EQUESTRIANISM BALLSRRDGE: Royal Dubin Horse Show: Kerrygold Welcome Stakes: 1 Volvisto (H. Marstall, Ire) clear round, 36 Básez: 2 Arçot (E. Gundel Gor) clear, 36 39; 3, Iller (G. Dommoc, Iri clear, 40 12-8, Blion (M. Whraker, GB) 4/auts, 37,34 Kerrygold Spoed Stakes: 1, Alligator Fortiarte (A. Robert, Fr) 62 16, 2 Quich Star (M. Sholton, GB) 82-94, 3, Diamond Explosion (F. Comion, Ire) 63,43; 7, Randi (J. Whitaker, GB) 8, 89 19. FOOTBALL

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European Cup Winners' Cup Qualifying round, first leg

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Wyeth 6-1, 4-6, 6-1 Women: First round: Sarriara (US) of J Wood 7-6, 6-4; // Marthews bt K Roubanova [Russ.] 1-6, 6-2 6-2: A Jenes bt L Jantson (Fin) 7-5. Marina (Russ) bi S Murro (Aus) 7-6.

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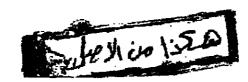
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3.30 SCANIA 1996 TOUT



# Hills rides high in the confidence stakes

hen Michael Hills embarked on this, his seventeenth season as a jockey, he had to look abroad for his career highlight: winning the Irish 1.000 Guineas on Nicer. Within a whirlwind seven-week period, initiated when Shaamit coasted to victory in the Derby, Hills had upgraded that achievement on three separate occasions. It could not have happened to a nicer guy.

That Hills should be writing the headlines tells a story in itself. The jockey's renaissance has coincided with a wider distribution of the season's top prizes. His alliances with William Haggas and Geoff Wragg, a pair of talented yet underrated trainers, has paid handsome dividends in a year when the bigger battalions lack strength in depth. But sweetest of all has been the enthusiasm with which Hills has embraced his success.

That trait was best illustrated when he jousted with Lanfranco Dettori, live on television, in the afterglow of Pentire's glittering victory in the King George VI and Queen Elizabeth Diamond Stakes.

There was genuine warmth in Dettori's greeting of Hills, who, while lacking the Italian's sublime riding skills, was clearly his equal in the confidence stakes. Such are the fruits of riding the right horses the right way at the right time.

Jockeys often reach the camp one place below the summit but few end up scaling the peak. The difference is infinitesimal, as Hills, 33, has learnt to accept. He thought he had reached it when given the chance aboard Owington, a talented sprinter two season's back, but suspension prevented him riding the horse in the July Cup.

"Paul Eddery took my place," he remembered, "and there was no way back after that. It was demoralising, but

2.30 Impulsion, 3.00 Old School House, 3.30 Spender, 4.00 How's Yer Father, 4.30 Orchard Gold,

Our Newmarket Correspondent: 3.00 Uplift.

OLD SELLING STAKES (£2,318: 51) (9 runners)

(1) 525 MPULSION 25 R Hannon 8-11... Dame O'Nell (3) 94
19) D LAKE SPRING 10 R Hodges 8-11 — Dector O'Shee —
13) 6 MSS DARLING 12 J Alectors 8-5 — Poddied 7:
(6) 0 MULADIL EXPRESS 42 J Monore 8-5 — P P Marphy (5) —
(6) 0 5600 PRINCESS FERDINAND 28 (4) M McCormack 8-5 D Biggs 92
(4) 3 SELECT LADY 47 A Lavis 8-6 ... W J O'Connor 9:
(5) 4 STATUETTE 90 B Palling 8-6 ... T Synake 8-6 ... T Synake 9:
(7) 4330 WQL 10 WW 3 P Marphy 8-6 ... S Whitmorth (7) 4330 WQL 10 WW 3 P Marphy 8-6 ... S Drowne 93

9-4 WAI To Win 3-1 Statuster, 4-1 Impulsion, 6-1 Select Lady, 7-1 Mass Darling, 8-1 Sylvania Lights, 10-1 others

7-4 Sterling Fellow, 3-1 Mesched Star 9-2 Uplift, 5-1 Old School House, 6-1 Perfect Silk, 14-1 Meg's Memory

3.30 SCANIA 1996 TRUCK OF THE YEAR SPRINT TROPHY (Handicap: £4.224: 51 11yd) (8)

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1 (5) -000 GO HEVER GOLF IS (D.F.G) I Naugiton 4-10-0

5 Whitmorth 96

2 (4) 4411 KILDEE LAD 15 (C.D.F.G) A Jones 6-9-10 ... D Biggs 98

3 (8) 0250 TART AND A HALF 19 (B.D.F.B & Mechan 4-9-7 M Tebburi 98

4 (7) 0220 SPENDER 19 (CD.F.B) P Herite 7-9-7 A Medicince 99

5 (7) 1320 SPENDLY BRAVE 8 (D.F.B.S) Mass 6 kelleren 6-9-4

W J D'Connor 98

6 (6) 1426 BEAU VENTURE 15 (C.D.F.G.S) 8 Pshing 8-9-3

Deckan O'Shea 97

7 (2) 1020 SHADOW JURY 12 (B.D.F.G.S) D Chapman 6-8-11

3.00 WESTRUCKS FOR SCANIA HANDICAP

GOING: GOOD TO FIRM (FIRM IN PLACES)

DRAW: 5F-1M, LOW NUMBERS BEST

THUNDERER

2.30

JULIAN MUSCAT



On a jockey enjoying an impressive run

as a jockey you soon learn that you are never guaranteed a ride. That's why it is such a tremendous help to have trainers backing your corner. It makes all the difference." Those words were almost

certainly directed at Wragg's loyalty. Hills concedes that he made a mess of riding Pentire in last year's King George. when he moved too soon and allowed Lammtarra to wear him down at the finish. It was an instant decision to go when I did." he reflected with an honesty indicative of his maturity. "I've had to live by it for 12 months. The horse had won so easily on his previous outing that I thought he was a steering job. I might have got over-confident."

His recent flourish also endorses the guiding hand of his father. Barry, who has established a turf dynasty every bit as potent as his remarkable training career. in addition to Michael, there is his riding twin, Richard. and their elder brother, John, who has laid foundations for his own future as a trainer.

The point here is that Barry fought hard for everything he owns. A former stable lad, he may have left behind those cold winter mornings but the hard on the boys to start with: their fiercest critic after a had ride. And there was never a danger of them receding towards the inner turbulence that stains the private lives of so many jockeys.

Jockeys must achieve harmony within a daily contra-diction; their minds are at war with their bodies. Within hours of riding, when they should be conserving their strength, they must shed weight from skeletal frames. The toll tells on Hills, who is anxious to dispel the image of a champagne lifestyle aboard private jets.
"It is an extremely hard

life," he said. "For four days a week in summer, we are up at dawn and not home again until late at night, often after eight or nine hours in a car, it is very monotonous. You can get sick of it quite frankly, as I did last year. It is also a dangerous job. I feel there is too much racing in summer, what with the afternoon and evening meetings, but you have to honour your commitments."

One wonders how other. less talented jockeys learn to cope. Some patrol the same beat but without the rewards. much as Hills himself before Shaamit, Pentire and First Island contrived their bout of summer magic. "Although winning the King George was special, we really thought Pentire would do it." he said. But winning the Derby was a

dream moment. "The Derby was in all the books I read as a kid," he continued. "The pages were full of famous jockeys and the race is a part of history. Everyone always said it was the big one and now I know what they mean. I have worked hard for the other big races and I feel I've deserved it. But I'll never get that Derby feeling back again." It would have been unjust had he never



Hills shows his delight after partnering Shaamit to his Derby triumph at Epsom

# PONTEFRACT

2.45 Advance East 3.15 Amid Atbadu 3.45 Zalotti

4.15 GLIDE PATH (nap) 4.45 Just Dissident

5.15 Jamrat Jumairah 5.45 Gool Lee Shay

The Times Private Handicapper's top rating: 5.45 GOOL LEE SHAY.

Our Newmarket Correspondent: 5.15 JAMRAT JUMAIRAH (nap).

### GUIDE TO OUR RACECARD

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# 2.45 BOLLINGER CHAMPAGNE CHALLENGE SERIES HANDICAP

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1	03	(6)		COMMANDER CLEN 12 (B.F.S) Mrs. J Ramsden 4-11-7 C Boomer	94
1	14	(10)	312354	ESSAYETTSEE 21 (CD.F.G) (Mrs S Murray) Mrs M Revoley 7-11-7 M. H Naughton	85
1	85	in	D60044	ADVANCE EAST B (P Locke) Mrs J Remoden 4-11-5 S Swiers	95
1	D6	(5)	303585	MASTER OF THE HOUSE 17 (CD.F.G.S) M Hammond 10-10-13 T Wintaker (4)	96
1	07	(2)		D'NAAN 19 (B.GKA Aknojii) W Haggas 3-10-12	B
1	05	ø		FAIRY HIGH ANDS 38 (J Visiter) J Haldane 3-10-11 J A Stack (4)	9
1	09			GOLDEN HADEER 14 (S) (M Ryan) M Ryan 5-10-5 _ S Lavalin (4)	93
1	1B	181		BOLD TOP 17 (Mrs & South) & Rollmen 4-10-1 R Thornton (4)	90
1	11	m	000004	MEVER TIME 27 (Mrs A Mailinson) Mrs V Acenter 4-9-12 . 6 Martham (4)	96

BETTING: 4-1 Essayetisee, Blurred, 5-1 Advance East, 7-1 Commander Gien, Farry Highlands, 8-1 Montone, 10-1 Never Time, 12-1 others

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### 3.15 CORNMILL HOTEL HULL MAIDEN STAKES

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202	(3)	DRISTON BOY (D Yardy) J White 9-0 Dale Glason	-
703	ĊΠ	RISH ACCORD (P Leonard) Mrs J Ransden 9-0 K Fallon	-
204	in	5 ITALIAN SYMPHONY 21 (P Savil) M Johnston 9-0 K Darley	98
205	[13]	Mysterumi (Mrs & Taylor) N Latrapden 9-0 T & McLaughlin	_
Ю.	(10)	6 PADDY LAD 73 (M & 6 Hyrn 9 Guest 9-0 P Brookrifield	-
207	(11)	5 PALDOST 35 (S Branker) M Hammond 9-0 J Fortune	-
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209	(12)	5 SPANIARD'S MOURT 13 (8 Schmidt-Bodner) M Tomptime 9-0 . P Robinson	83
210	(E)	SYNGONOS ANN (Marquesa de Movaballa) i Filogerald 9-0 W Riyan	-
211	(9)	CORAL STRAND (C Campbell Golding) J Waltz 8-9 J Carroll	_
212	(B)	00 LUCYBOO 124 (Mrs D Wright) N Taider 8-9 L Charmock	71
213	127	4 TERRY'S ROSE 75 (Mrs L Hard) R Hallandhead 8-9 F Lynch (3)	81
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Actord, 8-1 Coral Strand, 10-1 others.

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# 3.45 AUGUST CLAIMING STAKES (3-Y-0: £2.667; 51) (8 runners)

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302	m	360212	NO MONKEY NUTS 7 (D.BF.F) (Monkey Partners) J Berry 8-13 J Carroll	
303	(4)	7-	ZALOTTI 432 (D.F) (P Savili) T Etherogion 8-11	
304	(3)	0000006	BOFFY 28 (D.G) (S Baugh) B Baugh 8-9 N Carliste	70
305	(5)		PAPERIAL RED (G Arry) H College utga 8-7 K Fallon	
306	(B)	543540	COMIC FANTASY 13 (D.F) (C Carl) M Years &-6 J Fortuna	96
307	(1)	0-5	CINAS GERL 185 (Ms. M. Fanous) Miss J Bows 8-4	-
30B	(2)		MY ACHATES (G Ashlon) M Bratain 8-1 Daie Gibson	-
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## 4.15 ROGERTHORPE MANOR HOTEL HANDICAP

(7,895: 1m 4f 8yd) (5 runners)								
Ø1	(2)	100-056	GLIDE PATH 26 (D.F.G) (Jampol Patners) J Hills 7-9-11	. RHBs	1			
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83	(5)		TIME FOR ACTION 48 (6) (Mrs 6 Smith) M Tomphin: 49-2	P Robinson	4			
04	(4)		LEAR EXPRESS 16 (F) (Thoroughbred Corp) H Ceci 3-8-12	W Ryan	9			
05	(1)	0-05032	CHARLENG ADMERAL 35 (R AI Models) C Wat 3-7-10	N Cartiste				
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BETTANG: 6-4 Lear Express 5-2 State Path 11-4 Charming Admiral, 9-2 Artic County, 33-1 Time For Action 1995; LATVIAN 8-9-1 J Fortune (3-1) R Allan 4 ran

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# 4.45 CHAPLINS CLUB HANDICAP (£3,753; 5f) (11 runners)

# 4-4-1 CHAPLINS CLUB HANDICAP (£3,753: 5f) (11 runners) 501 [4] 22723 SWAN AT WHALLEY 19 (D.F.6) (if Barton) M Wans 4-10-0 J Forume 502 [2] 626495 CAFTAIN CARAT 10 (CD.8F.F.6) (C Webster Mrs J Ramsden 5-9-11 K Fallon 503 [8] 200515 ROCKCRACKER 15 (8.F) (\* Auon) 6 Mangaron 4-9-10 \_ P Robinson 504 (10) 316045 RCH 6LOW 12 (D.F.5) (N Baleson) N Byrook 5-9-5 \_ K Darley 505 (11) 043100 MED'S BONANIZA 13 (D.F.6) (N Jones) M Dods 7-9-4 \_ A Clerk 506 (3) 002310 JUST DESCRIPTI 12 (CD.F) (Mrs C Hodgens) R Watever 4-9-3 \_ F Lynch (3) 97 507 (1) 351983 SONDERISE 26 (D.F.6.S) (Mrs D Wright) N Traider 7-8-13 \_ J Carrod 508 (7) 123253 QOMMARILE 5 (D.F.6.SS) (Mrs D Wright) N Traider 7-8-13 \_ J Carrod 509 (5) 300-2 POLAR REFRAIN 135 (B Parker) C Dryer 3-8-9 \_ T G McLaughlin 510 [9] 00-5501 KARCAST 3 (B.CD.F.6.SS) (Mrs N O'Bren) E Alston 9-7-12 \_ Data (Bisson) 97 BETTINGS 9-2 Aubbeat, 5-1 Sum At Whatley, 11-2 Noo's Romenza. 6-1 Dominetie. 13-2 Rich Glow, 8-1 Just Description, 10-1 Sonderies. 12-7 offers

1995: LOCHON 4-9-5 R Lappin (4-1) J Eyre 7 ran

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### 5.15 MAYTY BOWN MEMORIAL MAIDEN STAKES (£3.713: 1m 4vd) /12 numers)

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n.	(11)		ETOILE DU NORD 295 (Miss Z Whitmore) H Collegerage 4-9-7 . P Robinson	
100	<b>(6)</b>	4-	RCL DU NORD 100J (P Hadsock) 5 Campon 4-9-7 T lves	-
113	(10)		CRAMBELLA SAJ (Airs S Dakes) 6 Kelly 4-9-2 6 Parton (5)	
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05	(12)		BEAND SCRIPT LI Harson) Mess S Hall 3-9-0	-
06	(1)		FOURDAMED 12 (Foursquare) P Harris 3-9-0	9
07	(3)			B
08	(7)		MEDDAY COMBOY 26 (S Karmel) 5 Harwood 3-9-0 A Clark	8
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10	Œĵ	2-	JAMPAT JEMARAH 301 (A Al Malroutt) E Outlog 3-8-9 K Fallon	9
71	(4)	4-250	REALLY A DREAM 19 (P Principle) M Stocks 3-8-9 K Darley	9
12	(2)		SILVRETTA (S Herangs) A Stenon 3-8-9 D Harrison	
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5.	45	TALLY	HO HANDICAP (3-Y-0: £3,243: 1m 4yd) (14 runners)
1	(5)	040108	CELLANS DANCER 10 (B.D.F) (Lord Zetland) P Calver 9-7
2	K)		FALCON'S FLAME 10 (D.F) (C Webster) Mrs J Ramsden 9-2 K Fation 64
3	ពា		ANGUS MCCOATUP 12 (D Allen) 9 McMahon 9-1 J Fortune 88
4	(10)		GOLD LINING 27 (P Onslow) E Akston 8-11 J Carroll B5
5	(8)		LAPU-LAPU 19 (D Figrich) M Carrachis 8-10 L Chemock 80
- 6	(14)		CONTRACT BRIDGE 23 (D,B) (Racagoers Chib) C Thornton B-B. D McKeown B4
7	(T2)		GOOL LEE SHAY B (W Haterstey) R Whatales B-9 W Ryan 🚇
8	(13)		RICHARD HOUSE LAD 45 (D Morrali) R Hollinshead 8-7 F Lynch (3) 91
9	(7)	302504	
10	<b>(6</b> )		PAPER MAZE 19 (Mrs F Williams) E Owen 8-6 . R Cody-Bouncher (7) 80
11	(11)	· D0040	DISPOL DUCHESS 10 (W Ismson) & Citing to 8-3 Date Ginson 89 COTTAGE PRINCE 23 (Mrs ix Thomas) J Quinn 8-1
12	(3)	0000-0000	COTTAGE PRINCE 23 (Mrs & Thomas) J Quinn 8-1
13	(2)		DOWN THE YARD 17 (F) (G Whiting) M Chapman 7-12 S Sandess 88
14	(9)	80-800	TOTALLY DEFFERENT 23 (V) (T Morris) G Oldroyd 7-10

BETTING: 8-1 Gilling Dancer, Lace-Laner, Gool Lee Staty 7-1 Contract Bridge, 8-1 Cottage Proce, 10-1 Angus McCoulup, 12-1 Falcon's Flame, 14-1 others 1995; ALLTIME DANCER 9-0 K Falton (2-1 tax) Mrs J Remedies 8 ran FORM FOCUS

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experienced it at all. 4.00 scania 4-series horsepower claiming STAKES (£3,032: 5f 161yd) (9 runners)

(6) COB DANCING LAWYER 91 (D.F.G) B Mechan 5-9-10 (3) 0200 PRIMA SILN 10 (CD.F.6) M Ryan 5-9-1 G Bardwell (3) 5430 HEYER BOUL EXPRESS 31 (7) 7 Mangkton 3-9-0 T Sprake (7) 00-0 NORLING 26 (0.F.6) K Currangham-Brown 6-8-12 

9-4 How's Yer Father 4-1 Songsheet, 5-1 Prices S.O. 6-1 Datasty (2015): 7-1 Haver Godf Express 8-1 Members Welcome: 10-1 Norting, 12-1 others.

4.30 WESTRUCKS SCANIA KNOW HOW HANDICAP (£4,276: 1m 5yd) (11)

1 (6) 0101 STAR OF GOLD 15 (CD.F.G) C Egenton 4-10-0 1 (6) D101 STAR OF GOLD 15 (CD.F.G) C Egerton 4-14-0
2 (1) D030 MASTER MILLFIELD 33 (C.F.G) R Beats 4-9-1;
3 (2) 3113 MR TEIGH 26 (D.G) B Smart 4-9-1 ... M Tebbur. (9)
4 (3) 6654 DELEGHT OF DARWA 3 (D.F.G) R Smore 2-9-7 V Statery 94
5 (11) 0505 SDOTY TERN 9 (D.F.G.S) J Bradley 9-9-7 A Eddorr (7) 94
6 (10) 0325 AFRICAN-PARD B IV) D Haydo Lones 4-9-5 J Read 94
7 (6) 4000 ARTITLE DARE 13 (D.F.) M Headon-Elfs 4-9-4 S Drowne 95
8 (7) 0104 ROYAL THEBBLE 10 (V.G.F) M Charlet 5-8-13
MATTIN DW. (5) 95
10 (3) 0244 SPEAT BEAR 7 (D.F.G) J Chapman 4-8-4 G Duffield 95
11 (5) 0722 ORCHARD BOLD 13 (D.G.) J Pearle 5-8-4 G Bardwell 95
3-1 Mr Teigh, 4-1 Stat of Gold, 7-1 African-Paul, Orchard Gold 8-1 Master

3-1 Mr Teigh, 4-1 Star of Gold, 7-1 African-Pard, Orchard Gold, 8-1 Master Mrtifield, Great Bear

5.00 SCANIA 4-SERIES KING OF THE ROAD APPRENTICE MAIDEN HANDICAP (£2,915: 1m 21 46yd) (7)

(1) -350 LLUMBANT 49 MAS & Reflerey 3-9-13 Dane O'Neil (3) 0050 SEVERN MILL 28 J Bradley 5-9-10 PP Marphy 9-10 C49 SAMTELLA KATE 14 D Chappet 3-9-6 S Drowner 9-14 200- MARIC MELODY 285 P Cote 3-9-6 David O'Neil (5) 85 (6) 00-0 NOMAN SUNST 26 C Egerton 3-8-5 November 3-9-6 NOMAN SUNST 26 C Egerton 3-8-5 Presch (5) 9-15 (-000 PRINTERS GURLL 31 D Chappet 4-8-1 Sopher Mitchel (3) 1-1 2-1 Harriande, 7-2 Saniella Kalle, 4-1 Maryo Meledy, 5-1 Jean Pierre, 7-1 Indian Sunsel, 16-1 Seven Mili 20-1 Printers Cuall

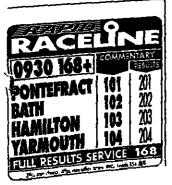
COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAMERS: N Chance 3 tempers from 5 numers, 60 0% M Prescott, 4 from 20, 20,0%, D Essentit, 8 from 42, 19 0%, P Cote, 21 from 112 18.8%, P Herris, 3 from 18, 16 7%, M Ryan, 3 from 21, 14.3%. JOCKEYS: 3 Red, 20 wmmers from 107 rudes 18.7%, Martin Dwyer, 3 from 22, 13.6%; 6 Bardwell, 7 from 55, 12.7%, Dane O'Neill, 3 from 30, 10 ths

# 8 (3) -0.50 WINDRESH BOY 13 (D.F) J Bosley 5-8-4 C Flutter BS 3-1 Kilder Lad. 4-1 Spender, 5-1 Tarl And A Hall, Friendly Brane, 5-1 Beau Venture, 3-7 Shardow July 30-1 offens YESTERDAY'S RESULTS

coung: Irm
2.15 (5) 213yd) 1, SPARKY (J F Egan.
10-11; 2 Breffni (Martin Dwyer, 10-11 fav).
3, Grovetsir Lad (B Doyle, 5-11, ALSO
RAN; 7-2 Dozen Roses (4th), 10 My Precuss (5th) 5 ran. 2 25t, 11, 6t, M W
Easterby at Sherill Hutton Toke £7.50,
£2.50, £1.10 DF, £6.20, CSF £19.06 £2.50, £1.10 DF, £6.20, CSF £19.06
2.45 (6) £2.99(d) 1, SHEER FACE (J Reid, S-2 keV; 2 Myesic Guest U F Egan, 4-1);
3-1 Brandon Jack (T Cumn, 11-4), ALSO
JAN 5 Cartouche (5th), 10 Chopin, 16
Herbshan Dencar (6th), Swallow Breaze
(4th) 7 ran 294, 294, 94, 14, 394, 97 Maria
Lambourn Tole, £2.90, £1.50, £2.90
DF £10.20 CSF £12.14 OF £10.20 CSF £12.14
3.15 (51.21.3yd) 1. CRYSTAL HEIGHTS (D. HARSON, 92. (F-tay); 2. Mellors (S. Sanders, 13.21.3, Sharp timp (D. Blogs, 15-2) ALSO RAN 9-2. (F-tay to Nr. B. 5. Always Grace (5th), 11-2 Able Sharfi (4th), 9. Talarhtus, 12. Red Admiral (6th) 8 ran Ns. rik, 31. 3%1, 3%1, R. O'Sulfiven at Witscorner Tote: £5,10, £2.10, £1.60, £3.40 DF £14.70, CSF £29.77 Tricast £188.87

1.345 (Im 11 209yd) 1, DOUBLE RUSH (T Chairn, 8-1); 2. Chevelery Dancer (G Bardwell, 14-1), 3, Pride Of Kashmir (G Hind, 6-1), ALSO RAN, 5-2 hay Harlsquin Walk (4th), 5 Tomal, 6 if strebusiness (8th), 9 fiskly Tu (5th), 16 Blossomville, 30 Hurza Story, 25 Nita's Choice, 50 Paronomasia 11 ran 41, 291, 11-1, 41, 291, 17 Mills at Epsom. Tote: 67 50: £2 30, £3 20, £2 80 DF: £93,60 Tho: £82 40 CSF. £100 13, Tricast £659 £1



4.15 (1m 31 196yd) 1. PIKE CREEK (T Ouinn, 15-8 tay), 2. The Lagians Pride (1 Red, 8-1), 3. South Wind (A Clark, 2-1) ALSO RAN: 2. Typhoon Lad (4th), 66 Animation (5th), 5 ran 151, 2, 3, dist, 1 Belding at Kingsciere, Tole 23.02 £1.20, £2.40 DF £7.60, CSF £14.32

Balding at Kingsciere, Tote E320: £120, £240 DF £7 80, CSF £14 82

4.45 (61 209yd) 1, WELCOME LU (F Nonon, 5-1), 2, Office Hours (P Boomfeld, 6-1), 3, Have A Nightcap (T G McLaughtin, 12-1), ALSO RAN 7-2 lav Mystery Matthies, 4 Velvet Jones (5th), 15-2 Hagstati, 8 Dameen (4th), 12 Current Leader (6th), 20 Happy Venturer, 33 Trapper Norman, 10 ran 3-1, 44, rik, 2, 341 J L Harris at Metron Mowbray Tote £5 50; £180, £270, £3 70, DF £29.60

Trio £81 40, CSF: £33 28, Tneast £322.08.

\$15 (61 59yd) 1, MEMPHIS BEAU (S Senders, 11-4); 2, Mac Outles (R Perham, 16-1); 3, Schoof Boy (A McGlone, 5-4 av) ALSO RAN: 11-4 Harrie's Beau (5th), 5 Double Impression (4th), 5 ran NR Cadeau Elegant, 141, 3-4; 2, 11 J Totler at Neumarket Tote: £4 60; £1 20, £3 80, DF-£26 00 CSF: £29.90

Phacepott; £401.00. Quadipot; £119.90.

Placepot: £401.00. Quadpot: £119.90.

Newcastle

NEW COSTIC Going: firm (good to firm in straight) 2:30 (7h 1, TOP OF THE WIND IK Fallon, 7:21, 2: Our Future (J. Westver, 5-1); 3. Run Lucy Run (K. Darley, 10-1) ALSO RAN: 11-6 tay Stica's My Key, 10 Cajun Surset (5th), Fast Spin (8th), 14 Sketon Sov-erign (4th), 16 Not A Lot. 8 ran 11, 11, 31, 2141, 31 J J O'Natl at Pentith Tote: 64:30: 51:70, 51:80, 52:00 DF 510:80 CSF 21:09 Tricast 5134:02

221 09 Tricast £134,02
3.00 (1m 41 99xd) 1, HE'S GOT WINGS
(G. Faub.ner, B-13 lav), 2, What Jim Wanas
(S. Copp. 4-1), 3, Raptime Cowgin (D. Sweensy, 7-2), ALSO RAN 20 Carrieron
Cope (eth), 25 Boy Blabeney (4th), Bright
Pot (5th), 33 Steepy Boy 7 ron 9, 10, 5,
XI, 71 M Bed al Navmarket, 1051: 1220;
C1 20, £1 80 DF £3 80 CSF £3 97
Winner sold to J. Parnsden for 8,800gns Winner sold to 3 Perinstell to decopy is 3.30 (8) 1. MYSTIC CIRCLE (N Connorton, 7-4 tev), 2. Head Girl (A Mackey, 9-4), 3. Sad Mad Bad (K Derley, 3-1) ALSO RAN 3 Autellan (4th) 4 ren. NR, Nystal Davey 1), 131, 151, J Watts at Rebrinded Tote 52,70, DF 53.80, CSF 4.00 (2m. 11 Syd) 1. WHITE PLAINS (R Mullen, 3-1), 2. Tissue Of Lies (1 Weaver, 13-2): 3. Call Me (D McKeown, 15-8 tav) ALSO RAN 7-2 Smarter Charter (4th: 4 Hareb (5th) 5 ran, 11, 1% 133, 51 M Bell at Newmarker Tota 62 70, 62 30, 62 30 DF-510 10 CSF E19 19

E10 10 CSF E19 19
4.30 (7f) 1. TINKLERS FOLLY (L. Chamock, 10-1), 2. Keston Pond (M. Deering, 3-1 julav), 3. Cevers Yangous (J. Weaver, 9-2), ALSO (RAN 2 julav), 8. Samssolom (Sith), 11-2 Barato, 6 Cusling (4th), 8 Kid Ory (Cth), 7 ran Hd, 11-1, nd, hd, 25; 10 Borrys Smith at Bishop Auddland Tote \$13.60, £4.30, £2.10 DF £19.70. CSF £39.15. CSP 1.59 15
S.00 (2m 19vd) 1. SHIRLEY SUE (J. Wesaver, 5-2 p-law), 2 Forgle (M Birch, 11-2), 3. Jamelican Flight (J Fortune, 5-1)
ALSO RAM, 5-2 p-law French by (4th), 5 Karaylar (5th), 10 Latwan, 50 Calcando (6th) 7 ran, 21.8 1 12, sh hd M Johnston at Middletram, Tote: C250, 12,00, 13 40 DF 18 90 CSF 115 92.

# Dettori ready to return at Newmarket

LANFRANCO DETTORI returns to the saddle at Newmarket on Saturday. The champion jockey, out of action since he fractured an elbow at Newbury eight weeks ago, has been given the go-ahead by surgeon Dr Richard Dodds and needs only to pass the racecourse doctor to resume

Dettori, who was injured when thrown from Shawanni in the paddock on June 13, has already been reunited with the Gold Cup winner. Classic Cliche, a Prix de l'Arc de Triomphe hope, on the New-

## HAMILTON PARK THUNDERER

6.05 Silk Cottage, 6.35 Jay-Gee-Em, 7.05 Giftbox. 7.35 L A Touch, 8.05 Askern, 8.35 Mentalasanythin.

DRAW: 5F-6F, LOW NUMBERS BEST

6.05 SCOTTISH RIFLES APPRENTICE HANDICAP (£2,969: 5l 4yd) (8 runners) 

2-1 Salis Cottage: 3-1 Natural Key, 9-2 Traperal Beach, 6-1 Patrice, 8-1 Senous, Hurry, 16-1 Young Ben 12-1 outless

6.35 HYNDFORD CLAIMING STAKES (2-Y-0; £2,619; 6f 5yd) (6)

15 AVINALARF 13 (F) W G M Toroer 8-12 D Sweeney (?) 1
530 SHEPATON GRIL 9 M Johnston 8-8 J Weener 3
1 JAY-6EE-FM 10 (F) R Guest 8-7 A Mackay 5
1334 COMTRAVENE 75 (F) J Berry 8-6 J Faming 6 5 LADY LOUESE M Harmond 8-4 6 3231 ABSTONE QUEEN 7 (8.D.G) P Evans 8-3 7.4. Jay Gee-Ern, 3-1 Annakari, 7-2 Abstone Dissen, 8-1 Steraton Girl Contraverse, 10-1 Lady Louise

7.05 WILLIAM HILL SCOTTISH TROPHY HANDICAP (£7.588: 1m 65yd) (13)

HANDICAP (£7.588: 1m 65yd) (13)

1 D256 BOLD AMUSEMENT 49 (B.C.D.F.6) W Cumingtom 6-10-0
D Switchey (7) 4
2 D052 LP IN FLAMES 5 (D.F.G) M Harmond 5-9-13 A Californe
3 4040 REMMARDY 4 J Mannyghi 3-9-1
J Brannill (7) 9
4 0616 KING CURAN 15 (B.C.D.F.6.5) D Haydo Jones 5-9-3 A Mackay 7
5 D-02 CELEBRATION CAME 27 (D.F. Mest 1 Persat 4-9-2 I Weaver 11
7 D000 MIZAAL 98 (C.S.) R Alton 5-9-13 J Familing 6
8 3114 MABERT 20 (B.D.D.F.6.5) J Weats 10-8-8 J Familing 6
9 0-03 RAASEO 57 (6) F Watco 4-8-8 J F Egan 6
10 1301 GREY (896DDM 7 (F) M Botton 5-8-4 (Sox) J Lowe 13
11 3315 THATCHED 13 (D.F.) R Bin 6-8-3 D McKoown 5
12 Q446 GDDY 12 J Herbetton 3-8-1 M Racrosofy 12
15 B324 SECONIDS AWAY 5 J Boide 5-7-10 kethation Cales 7-1 Gry 4-1 Uto in Figures, 5-1 Gristop, 6-1 Habeta, 7-1 Celebration Cake, 7-1 Grey Amodom 8-1 King Curan, 10-1 Thatched, 12-1 others

7.35 COURVOISIER CLASSIC LIMITED STAKES

2.703: 61 5yd) (6)

1. 511 MBG OF SHOW 20 (V.5) R Allan 5-9-6 ... A Custane 6 2 5653 SOF ROB LUCK 5 (F) D Notan 4-9-0 ... V Hallowy 5 3 5060 BROOKHEAD LADY 5 (D.F.G.S) P Genes 5-8-11 ... J F Egin 2 4 0020 LEADING PRINCESS 15 (B.CO.BF.F.) Mess 1 Permit 5-8-11 ... J Weaver 4 1446 SPIN 5 J Berry 4-8-11 ... P Roberts (5) 3 nc to 1: Dwyer 3-8-7 ... J Stack 1 nc to 1: Dwyer 3-8-7 ... J Stack 1 3-4 King Of Shom, 5-2 Leading Princess, 3-1 L A Touch, 8-1 Brookhead Lady, So. For Luck, 12-1 Shan Spin

8.05 BRAVEHEART RACING CLUB HANDICAP (£3,631: 1m 3f 16yd) (9)

9-4 Gold Desire, 7-2 Stormless, 4-1 Askern, 8-1 Ambideatious, 9-1 Trumped, 10-1 Euclusian, 12-1 Manoy, 14-1 others

# 8.35 CAMERONIANS HANDICAP

1 0020 MENTALASANTHER 22 (CD.F.G.S) D Haydn Jones 7-9-11
A Maclay 3
5000 RED SPECTACLE 20 (F.G.) P Hasten 4-8-10 R Molatol y 3
350- PROPHITS PRIDE 2173 P Monteth 4-8-5 ... J Brambil (7) 4
4 -314 MONAGO COLD 22 (F.F) Mrs J Brambil y 4-8-1 Mydyn (3) 2
5 0315 LAWIN ORDER 19 (C.F) Mrs J Brambil y 4-8-1 N Karwedy 5 9-4 Mentalesanythin, 5-2 Menaco Gold, 3-1 Lann Order 9-2 Red Speciacle, 8-1 Prophilis Profe COURSE SPECIALISTS TRANEPS: J Wats, 3 womer; from 10 namers, 30 0%, M Prescot, 10 from 35, 27.8%, Mrs M Reveley, 32 from 152, 21 1%, P Maslam, 24 from 120, 20 0%. M Johnston, 33 from 180, 18 3%. D Haydin Jones, 4 from 27, 18 2%.

JOCKEYS: J Wester, 37 winders from 141 dides, 26.2%, k Shed. 3 from 13, 23.1%, D Mickeysm. 23 from 157, 14.6%, A Mackey 14 from 113, 12.4%, N Varley, 4 from 33, 12.1%, D Maker, 9 from 65, 10.6% ☐ Walter Swinburn will return to action, after a six-month absence, at Windsor on Monday. He will partner Talathath, a winner at Brighton last Monday, for trainer Chris Dwyer. The Newmarket-based jockey suffered serious head, shoulder and rib injuries in a fail

in Hong Kong in February.

# MAIMOUTH THUNDERER 5.50 Sarasota Storm, 6.20 Welcome Parade, 6.50 Nelly's Cousin, 7.20 Prince Rudolf, 7.50 Velour, 8.20 Bangles. Our Newmarket Correspondent: 8.20 Pharaoh's Joy.

GOING: GOOD TO FIRM DRAW: 5F-1M, HIGH NUMBERS BEST 5.50 EAST COAST HANDICAP

(£4,053: 1m 6f 17yd) (5 runners) 2-1 Chattern Island. 11-4 Farningdon HMJ, 100-30 Sarasuta Storm, 9-2 Frozen Sea 6-1 Shirley Venture

**6.20 MANSHIP MAIDEN STAKES** (£4,489-1m 3/101yd) (4)

1 25 SUPERMODEL 16.1 Mrs N Macarley 4-9-2. C Teague (3) 2 2 3 WELCOME PARADE 16 H Cast 3-8-17 ..... Pat Eddary 1 3 0 LUCKY HODF 36 C Battam 3-8-6 .... B Doyle 3 4 Q352 NASEEM ALSAHAR 15 (8) W Nem 3-8-6 .... Paul Eddary 4 2-5 Welcome Parade, 7-2 Nasseen Abarbar, 6-1 Lucky Hool, 25-1 Supermodel 6.50 FREETHORPE CLAIMING STAKES (3-Y-0: \$2.945: 1m 2l 21vd) (7) 7-1-U. 22.543. INI 21 C1yU) (7)
1 0141 NELVYS COURS 3 0.D.P. N Calaction 8-12. Pol Editory 3.
2 6540 CHARROL 18 R Hartie 8-8 R House 69; 7.
3 10 THTCHMEL LASS 7 (D.F.) 3 Banks 8-8 R Cochrane 6.
4 4000 FARRESTE 40 D Morro 8-4 N Day 4.
5 6554 SYLVELLA 20 M. Janks 8-4 S Cartlar 6.
6 055 REMO'S TREASURE 10 J A Harra 8-2 B Doyle 2.
7 4 NARRY-8 18 P Housing 7-12 House 1. The Morrio 1.
Admits Cours 7-2 Technical Lass 9-2 Scheda 7-1 Chahral 10-1 Renos

6-4 Netry's Coustin 7-2 Trichnell Lass, 9-2 Sylvella, 7-1 Chabrol, 10-1 Rena's Treasure 12-1 Narmy-B, 16-1 Farlaste 7.20 HORSEY SELLING HANDICAP (£2,490. 1m 3yd) (11)

1 0055 HODGRYTON WENTURE (2 (8) S Woods 4-10-0 W Woods 8 2 0066 SWEET AMORET 5 (6) P Howard 3-8-12 F Norton 5 6500 PROCY PARROT 9 (0,F) R Woods 4-8-11 Pad Eddery 1 4 0044 PRINCE RUDOLF 10 (V.S) W 6 M Turner 4-8-11 4 (044 PRINCE RUDOLE 18 (V.S.) W 6 M Tumer 4-8-11
Amenda Sandera (S) 2
5 -050 UNSPONEN PRAYER 5.2 J Amoid 3-8-10
6 550 BOOST 81 (8) Mrs N Mascadey 4-8-8
7 2 5604 BALPARE 5 (6) N Callagina 3-8-1
8 0030 KUNMAM 6 B Hanbury 3-8-5
9 00-0 MADA ABOUT 11-6 GRR, 57 D Cacgrove 4-8-5
10 5000 ROSE CHAME 12 (B,P) J L Hams 4-8-0
11 00505 DOMUSKY 38 R Eastman 3-7-10. M Hamy (S) 10
13 Stone 4 1
14 Stone 4 1
15 Stone 4 1 3-1 Batzare. 4-1 Percy Parcs. 5-1 Houghton Venture, 6-1 Unspoken Prayer. 7-1 Kasaim, 10-1 Proce Budolf, Bocel, 12-1 others

7.50 CAISTER CASTLE FILLIES CONDITIONS STAKES (2-Y-0; £6,496: 7( 3yd) (2) 1 4 REJOKONS 5 W O'Comman 8-9 ... Envira O'Gorman 2 2 2 VELOUR 20 D Loder 8-9 ..... Pat Esslery 1 1-3 Valour, 2-1 Relations

8.20 FILBY BRIDGE FILLIES HANDICAP 1 5021 MEDNIGHT SPELL 10 (D.F) J Hills 4-10-2 (6ea) M Henry (3) 3 2 2131 LADY CAROLINE LAMB 114 (D.6F,F,5) R Bastman 3-9-12 H Bastman (5) 2 3 0043 BANGLES 13 (D.F.6) Lord Huntingdon 6-9-10 Atmac Cook (6) 1 4 9153 PHARADYS JOY 14 (D.F) J Paylor 3-9-5 ... R Coctanno 6 5 0352 LIDC 24 (D.F.) C Deyer 4-9-4 ... Jo Humman (7) 5 6 06-0 SIZZUNG ROMP 12 D Thom, 4-9-2 ... J Table 4 2-1 Bangles, 11-4 Midnight Spelf, 100-30 Lady Caroline Lamb, 5-1 Pharach's Joy, 7-1 Uoc. 16-1 Sezzing Romp

COURSE SPECIALISTS VARMOUTH: Trainers: H Cacit, 19 wenters from 87 namers, 21.8%, D Loder, 9 from 44, 20.5%, N Callaghan, 9 from 51, 17.6%, J Hills, 5 from 29, 17.2%, M Belt, 14 from 56, 15.3%, D Marrs, 11 from 71, 15.5% Jockeys: Pat Edday, 13 winners from 68 ndes, 20.6%; R Cochrane, 14 from 85, 16.3%, B Doyle, 13 from 87, 19.9%, G Carler, 9 from 65, 13.8%, Brown of Gorman, 4 from 30, 13.3%; M Fenton, 7 from 53, 13.2% rom 23, 13.2%
PORTEFRACT: Trainage: H Cacil. 14 winner: from 32 resiners. 49.8%; M Stocke. 10 from 36, 27.8%. G Harwood: 4 from 15, 26.7%, A Slessen, 7 from 27, 25.9%. Durstop, 9 from 39, 23 fr. Mrs. J Ramsden, 33 from 167, 19.8% Josteys: K Fallon, 38 winners from 183 ristes. 20.8% W Ryan. 18 from 39, 20.2%, F Lynch, 4 from 23, 17.4%, R Hals, 9 from 61, 14.8%, G Hand. 4 from 31, 12.9%; K Darbay. 21 from 197, 10.7%.

BLINKERED FIRST TIME: Bath: 2.30 Prince's Ferdinand 4.30 Reele's Mal. Hamilton Parts. 6.05 Ramsey Hope, 7.05 Bold Amusement, Portettact: 5.45 Gilling Dancer

RICHARD EVANS Nap: OLD SCHOOL HOUSE

(3.00 Bath) Next best: Impulsion (2.30 Bath)

# Officers under the gun when fleet's in

**Edward Gorman** 

**SPORT** 

takes a look behind

the scenes at world's

premier regatta

FROM the vantage point of the Platform on the medieval granite battlements of Cowes Castle, home of the Royal Yacht Squadron since 1857, hundreds of yachts could be seen carving their way through a sparkling Solent in a fresh westerly breeze yesterday, on a perfect day for

racing. Along the north shore, the 80ft maxis were running down past Stone Point under colourful spinnakers. Behind came the Class I boats, vying with the maxis for honours in the Britannia Cup. Mixed in with the chasing pack was the 22ft International Etchells fleet, dwarfed by the bigger yachts around it.

Closer, but still half a mile from the guns below the Platform, the Sigma 33 class was approaching the Black Group start line, inshore of West Bramble buoy. In the foreground, the International Dragon fleet was milling about, waiting for its five-

Sir Graham Wilkinson, timekeeper for the day and one of 25 race officers working under the awning on the battlements, declared: "One minute to the Class 3 Channel Handicap ten-minute gun; International Dragon fiveminute gun and Sigma 33 start." Rupert Cottrell, the gunner, pressed the button to fire the starting cannon, which boomed out across the Solent in a puff of white smoke.

The Sigmas were off - but some were over the line early, from Cottrell. They were spotted, however, by the the line officers, led by Peter Rountree, under the overall supervision of Anthony Matusch, the principal race officer. Behind the battlements, in the Squadron ballroom, video footage of the line was also being checked.

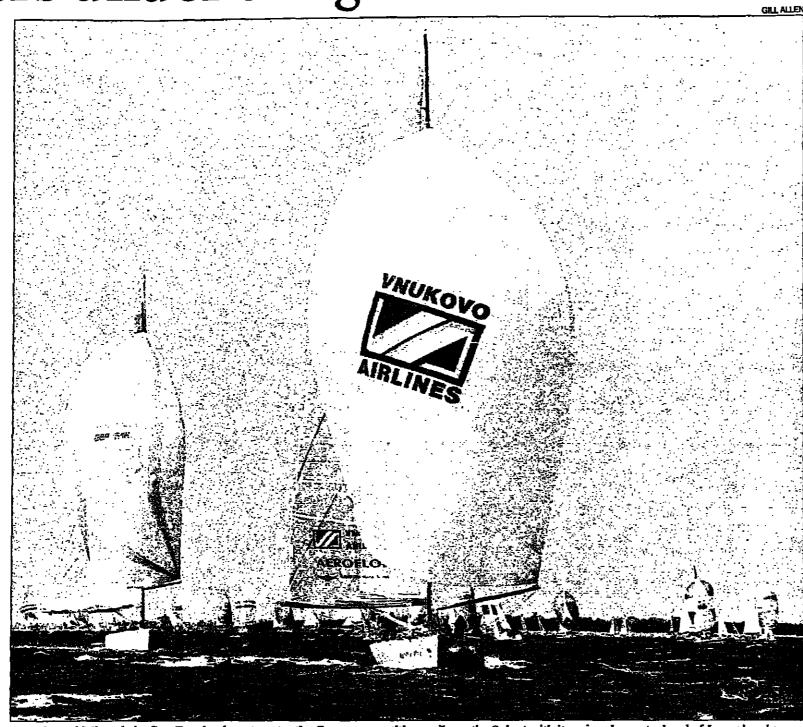
Getting 849 yachts away at the biggest regatta in the world is no mean feat and it has taken the Royal Yacht Squadron and the officers of the Cowes Combined Clubs (CCC) some years to perfect it. from 10.20 onwards, 26 races at Skandia Life Cowes Week begin in sequence, with starts every five minutes for 214 hours.

The race officers have to set courses that offer every fleet challenging racing and that are suited to the wind and tidal conditions of the day. Then each class has to get away with every starter identified in advance.

Class flags are raised and lowered, boards showing courses put up and down, starting guns fired and information conveyed to competing vachts over the radio. At the finish, the first three boats in each class, which often aoproach the line in a confusing mélée, get a gun each and all finishers have to be timed and

With so many yachts on the water, the CCC operates separate start lines, with half the fleet starting in the northern

**PUBLIC NOTICES** 



Grand Mistral, the first Russian boat to enter the Cowes competition, sails up the Solent with its spinnaker out, ahead of Longobarda

or Black Group sector from the Squadron to West Bramble, and half in the southern or White Group sector. Though the arrangement makes the starting process more efficient, it also requires officers, watching through binoculars, to be eagle-eyed when yachts can be

up to 14 miles away. Captain Dan Bradby, the secretary of the CCC, was operation yesterday. "It's basically 150 years' experience which has built up over time." he said as the gun sounded to

start the Redwing fleet. "We have, however, become much more professional in the last lew years. It is still down to the individual to see what is going on and then take a decision, but we do use all sorts of equipment to help them decide and get the right answer."

Brigadier John Simpson chief radio officer, who had just got away the last and biggest class, the X-One Design fleet, put it down to the quiet efficiency of yachtsmen working for yachtsmen. "The racing is run for the people on the water. The great thing is they are all amateurs but they do it thoroughly professionally," he said, as they took the briefest rest - before the first Britannia Cup winners had them back in action.

# Lennon profits from calm conditions

By EDWARD GORMAN SAILING CORRESPONDENT

RACING in the Glenfiddich Melges 24 fleet is starting to hot up at Skandia Life Cowes Week, with three or four boats capable of taking the title. The ourite is still Mike Lennon. the national champion on Raw Hyde, after his third win in the series yesterday.

After the storm of Tuesday that caused the dismasting of three boats and damage to five others that ran aground,

the fleet enjoyed perfect conditions yesterday with Lennon finishing ahead of Russell Peters, the Ultra 30 skipper, on Ancaster, in second, and Steve Goacher, the Flying Fifteen national champion, on Snickers Workwear.

However, the overall leader remains David Bedford, the three-times J24 national champion, on Glenfiddich 1. After two third and two fourth places, and revelling in sailing in the storm on Tuesday.

Friday when a big weather system is expected. No one else can afford to get smashed up because their discards are

but knows he needs to take

"Mike is very fast down-

wind," he said. "We are going

to have to get a bit more

adventurous and throw a

couple of touchdowns. We are

hoping for a real foam-up on

In the Britannia Cup. in

which the maxis and Class !

risks to beat Lennon.

Bedford has been consistent, honours went to Jocelyn Waller's BH-41 Silk 2, ahead of Chris Little's new Farr 45,

> Bounder. Pete Jones, of Farr International, who was crewing aboard Bounder, said that the boat was always going to find it hard against the BH-41s. "It was a very good race." he said. "The only thing we lacked was help from the Channel Handicap system. We had to give the BH-41s six minutes an hour, which is punitive."

### ROWING

# Juniors in need of Pinsent's inspiration

By MIKE ROSEWELL

MATTHEW PINSENT is due at the world championships at Strathclyde today. The double Olympic champion arrived in London from Atlanta on Tuesday morning and immediately rang Scotland to say: "I must see the British junior team. They are the Olympians of

It was junior day yesterday and, with only two of Britain's Il crews avoiding the repechages, Pinsent's inspiration could be welcome. British youngsters were clearly finding life tough with a series of low places before the women's coxless four lightened the gloom with a first place, and direct qualification for Satur-

They were without the support of Mark Banks, the chief unior coach, in the last 500 metres when they overtook the United States, Banks having been catapulted from his bicyde in a collision with a German coach. Banks would have noted that the British winning time was slower than four crews in the other heat.

If the junior women's four were in an easy heat, the junior men's coxless combination, the British lead boat, found themselves in an apparent final rehearsal. They finished third, and qualified for the semis, behind the highlyrated Italy and Germany, but ahead of the equally rated Australia and Denmark. The other heats were much slower. and Martin Orviss, their coach, was clearly relieved. "Thankfully, we did what we had to do," he said.

There were high hopes before the championships for Britain's two junior quad sculls, both with plenty of pedigree athletes on board, but both will face repechages. The junior men's boat allowed Denmark and Norway too much leeway in the first 1,000 metres in the prevailing tail wind and never threatened the

qualifying first place. The British junior men's eight missed a direct passage to their final by .02 of a second. Again they gave two opponents, Russia and the United States, an advantage to halfway. They picked off the United States in the third 500 metres, but narrowly failed to catch Russia. All three of the British lightweight crews involved in repechages progressed to their semi-finals.

CRICKET

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# **Pakistan** keep success in the family

By Ivo Tennant

OUNDLE SCHOOL (South Africa won toss): Pakistan beat South Africa by three

BY THE turn of the century. familiar names will be to the fore in Pakistan. Bazid Khang, Imran Qadir and Faisal lqbal, the immediate family of three of the country's greatest players, should all be Test cricketers. They are beneficiaries of a restructuring of the game at school level.

This, at least, is the opinion of Agha Zahid, who is coaching Pakistan in the Lombard under-15 World Cup. The emphasis on schools cricket has been heightened since Majid Khan, Bazid's father, became chief executive of the Board of Control. "In underdeveloped countries, in which boys have fewer means, they mature more quickly," Zahid said. "It is important that they build their strength and learn

manners at this crucial age."

Majid and Abdul Qadir. who named his son after his former captain. Imran Khan, have yet to watch this Pakistan team, which did well to beat Australia on Tuesday. Captained by Faisal Iqbal, Javed Miandad's nephew. they are as gifted as any team from their tract of the sub-

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continent is expected to be. Neither Bazid Khan nor Imran Qadir, who bowls leg breaks and googlies with an uncannily similar bound to the crease as his father, took a wicket yesterday. But Faisal made a splendid, unbeaten century against a South Africa side that is among the strongest in the two groups.

United Cricket Board looks to the future was evident in the presence yesterday of Bob Woolmer, the South Africa coach. "One of the reasons why I have come over is assess where we stand," he said. "One of the main problems we face is the standards in the townships, although more cricketers are coming through and there was no window dressing in the selec-

tion of this party."
Woolmer believes that 15 is the right age to begin playing international cricket. "It is an incentive for 13 and 14-yearolds, whose interest must be retained so they do not take up basketball instead."

OTHER RESULTS: Holland 85 (N Baker 3-9), Australia 85 (β Green 45 not out).

Canada 83, Zimbabwe 317-6.

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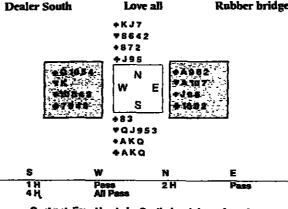
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# SHEEHAN on BRIDGE

### BY ROBERT SHEEHAN, BRIDGE CORRESPONDENT

The 1997 Daily Bridge Calendar has a hand for each day of the year, contributed by various well-known experts. Today's is by Bobby Wolff, ex-Dallas Ace and many times world champion. How do you play the trump combination? Try just to look at the North-South cards.



Contract: Four Hearts by South, Lead; four of spades

## **TRANSPORT ACT 1968**

The British Waterways Board (Sheffield and Tinsley Canal) (Reclassification) Order 1996

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Secretary of State for the Environment into make the above-named Order under section 104(3) of the TRansport Act 1968.

LEGAL & PUBLIC NOTICES

The Order would add to the list of cruising waterways, in Part II of Schedule 12 to the 1968 Act, the Sheffield and Tinsley Canal which at present is comprised in the undertaking of the British Waterways Board as a reminder waterway. Copies of the Order may be inspected at the

offices of the British Waterways Board at Sheffield Basin, South Quay, Sheffield; at Mill Lane, Mill Gate, Newark, Notts; at Doncaster Wharf, Greyfriars Road, Doncaster, and at Dock Street, Leeds. Copies of the Order may be obtained from the Department of the Environment, Environment Agency Sponsorship and Navigation, at the address given below.

Objection to the Order may be made by notice in writing stating the grounds of objection, to the Secretary of State for the Environment, Department of the Environment, Environment Agency Sponsorship and Navigation Division, Room A236A, Ronney House, 43 Marsham Street, London SWIP 3PY and received by him no later than 2 September 1996.

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An Assistant Secretary in the Department of the Environment

24 July 1996

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West leads the four of spades, dummy's jack forces East's ace, and you win the spade nine, by 2-1. return with dummy's king. You lead a low trump and

East plays the seven. What card should you play? The choice is between an honour and the nine of hearts. If the missing trumps are split 2-2, it makes no difference how South plays: he will lose only two trumps and one spade.

If the trumps are 3-1, no play will win if West holds ace, king and ten of hearts. If West holds a singleton ace or king. the play of the nine of hearts wins. If West holds the singleton ten, the play of an honour wins. Since a singleton ace or king with West is twice as

likely as the singleton ten, the odds favour the finesse of the

You should familiarise yourself with this reasoning and remember it. It will come in handy when you play this combination correctly and partner demands to know why you lost to a singleton ten.

The calendar strikes me as good value for money. If you mention The Times you can get it at an Early Bird price of £13.99 post free from Mr Bridge, Ryden Grange, Bisley. Surrey, GU2I 2TH.

☐ Robert Sheehan writes on bridge Monday to Friday in Sport and in the Weekend section on Saturday.

# WORD-WATCHING

### By Philip Howard

OXER a. A thickset fence b. A knock-out punch c. A slaughterman

**PATCHOULI** a. A Turkish pirate b. A sweet dumpling c. An odoriferous plant

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PHILISTER a. The upper lip b. An uncultivated townee

c. To barrack NEUF a. New boy at Bryanston b. A sword-knot

c. A Newfoundlander Answers on page 42



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Qd1

Cxd3

Rbb5

By RAYMOND KEENE CHESS CORRESPONDENT

### Sadler leads

The grandmaster Matthew Sadler. the defending champion, is in the joint lead in this year's British Championship in Nortingham. after winning a tough game against Chris Duncan. The other two grandmasters present. Mark Hebden and John Emms, were held to draws by Peter Hempson and Simon Knott respectively. Meanwhile the campaign of Luke McShane suffered a setback when he succumbed to a powerful queenside attack in the following

White: Luke McShane Black: Richard Pert British Championship Nottingham, August 1996 Sicilian Defence

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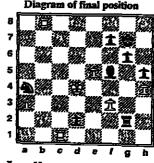
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Kc3 Kb2 Rd2+ Kb2 Kc3 Rxg2 d4+ Rxa4 Kb3 d3. Kc3 Nc5 Ra8+ 46 Kd4 White resigns Diagram of final position

Pxc3 Pxd3

Rd2+



Leading scores

After two rounds, the lead in the British Championship is shared by five players: Sadler, Chris Ward, Andrew Martin, Simon Ansell and Richard Pert, all of whom have a maximum two points.

Times book

The Times Winning Moves 2 contains 240 chess puzzles from international grandmaster Ray-mond Keene's daily column in *The Times*, and is available now from bookshops or from B. T. Batsford Ltd (fel: 01376 321276) at £6,99 plus postage and packing.

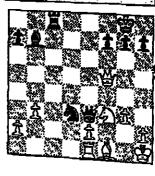
Raymond Keene writes on chess Monday to Friday in Sport and in the Weekend section on Saturday.

### WINNING MOVE

### By Raymond Keene

White to play. This position is from the game Uhlmann — Pahtz, Halle 1984. In this interesting position Black's knight appears secure, as 1 ead3 and 1 Qxd3 are well met by 1 ... Bxf3+. However, White has a clever way to exploit the hanging nature of the black pieces. Can you

Solution on page 42



CRICKET

# Whitaker's world threatened by untimely injuries

SUCH are their fitness worries that Leicestershire, leaders of the Britannic Assurance championship, have sent a party of 15 players to Swansea for their match with Glamorgan, that starts today. James Whitaker, the captain, is among the walking wounded and he must be hoping that the country's title challenge is not about to collapse as it did at about the same stage of the season two years ago.

The similarities between the campaigns are striking as far as Leicestershire are concerned. The county began that season, as they did this, as unfancied contenders, but by mid-August stood as mathematically the best placed team. Then, they were nine points behind the leaders, Warwickshire, with a game in hand; now they are three points ahead of Yorkshire, who alone among the top six do not play in this round.

Two years ago Leicestershire's challenge blew up in their faces when they lost three successive matches and their discipline.

One of those defeats was to Glamorgan in Wales. Whitaker, recovering from a bout of influenza, averaged less than 25 during those crucial closing weeks. Now, in his first season of captaincy, he faces a similar personal dilemma, while seeking to regain fitness after a torn calf muscle.

His new-ball attack looks thin. Millns is carrying a side strain and Mullally is with the England party at Headingley. Against that, Glamorgan's key seam bowler, Watkin, who might have done a good job for England in the second

Test, has a swollen knee and is a doubtful starter. If Leicestershire do slip up, there is no shortage of counties poised to move up at their expense.

Apart from Surrey, whose match with Lancashire began yesterday. Essex, with three straight wins behind them since they were beaten by Leicestershire by an innings. take on Somerset at Taunton, their chances significantly enhanced by the absence from the Somerset attack of Caddick, also on England

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duty. Kent, who lie equal fifth with Derbyshire, could also benefit from playing weakened opponents. They are at Northampton, where the home side is experiencing a subdued championship season after the excitement of last year. Local spirits may be lowered by the continued absence of Bailey, the captain, and Warren. Northamptonshire's batting resources are so plentiful though that Kent can take nothing for granted, for

David Sales is available to

resume a championship career that began with a second-ball nought and an unbeaten double-century. Kent must make do without the injured Eatham.

Derbyshire are also away from home, at Hove, where Sussex will be feeling cock-ahoop at having undermined Yorkshire's title hopes in Eastbourne last week. Derbyshire can expect another seamer's nitch and without Cork and Harris, who is still unfit, their attack will be hard-pressed to outperform Drakes, Lewry

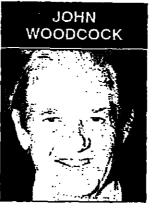
Sussex, in any case, are not quite out of the championship race themselves. They are in seventh place, although the 38-point gap between them-selves and Leicestershire may take some closing. However, they have yet to play another of the teams above them, Essex. By defeating both Derbyshire and Essex, Sussex would do themselves two very large favours. They cannot count on their rivals cancelling themselves out because of the top six teams, only Essex and Yorkshire, who meet at Headingley on August 29, remain to play each other.

Another echo of 1994 will

occur at Edgbaston, where Durham take the field against Warwickshire without John Morris, who averages only 17 in the championship this season and has been dropped.

Morris scored 204 on the ground two years ago, the nighest innings in Durham's brief first-class history, although it was overshadowed by a slightly larger one for the champions-to-be from Brian

# Screen tests straining umpires' credibility



the time Pakistan Bhad disposed of Eng-land at Lord's last week, Peter Willey must have felt that batting even against the most menacing attack West Indies ever fielded, which he did to some effect in the 1980s, was less harrowing than umpiring a modern Test match. With his every decision being replayed and scrutinised on a distended screen, as happened at Lord's, the lot of the Test umpire is fast becoming intolerable, and I use the word advisedly.

The overall standard of umpiring is much the same today as it has been for the last 50 years. It is just being made to look worse. Outside this country the job is done, as it invariably has been, by men with no playing ability to inevitably a disadvantage. It is no coincidence that the overseas umpire most highly regarded at the moment is Srinivas Venkataraghavan, who played Test cricket for India and is, therefore, an exception to the rule.

But the dreaded motion replay spares no one. Our own old pros — the Willeys and Birds and Shepherds - are as much at its mercy, if not quite as often refuted by it, as Venkat or Steve Bucknor (West Indies), Darrell Hair (Australia) and Kandiah Francis (Sri Lanka), who have all had a difficult time standing in the Test matches here this summer.

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INTERACTIVE TEAM CRICKET SCOREBOARD

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Before the arrival of mod-



Francis, of Sri Lanka, one of the officials whose decisions have been queried

ered out of order for a reporter to criticise an umpire's decision, other perhaps than infer-entially. "Bloggs was judged leg-before," gave a veiled message, but except in the case of an obviously howling error, it was as far as most of us ever went. Now, when millions have seen a palpably wrong decision shown over and over again on television, the truth has to be told. It is as though the umpire has been taken off the list of protected birds. He is seen now as fair game, and that is a most

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The legendary Frank Chester would have had to give no more than three or four decisions all season, if that, involving catches at short leg or silly-point, when the issue was whether or not the ball had come off bat as well as pad. In today's game they are the bane of an umpire's life. At Lord's, there must have been a dozen of them on the last afternoon alone. The development, 40-odd years ago, of the forward prop, the bat half hidden behind the pad; the introduction of helmets. bringing the close fielders

many unquestionably dodgy decisions being made does suggest that the age-old maxim, whereby the batsman should always be given the benefit of the doubt, is no longer as ingrained as it was. Since the big screen first

frenzied, appealing; and the

fact that batsmen are no

longer expected to walk when

they know they are out have

all contributed to this. Umpir-

ing was never more difficult.

but the visual proof of so

appeared on a cricket ground, for the Boxing Day Test

Australia in Melbourne in 1982, it has become gradually less responsibly, or anyway less considerately, operated. In the early days there was always someone at or near the controls conversant enough to know what it would be advisable not to replay. This has now lapsed, so that when at Lord's the hapless Mr Bucknor gave Nick Knight out leg-before in England's first innings, the crowd were at once allowed to see for themselves how in all probability the ball would have missed another set of stumps. Is this really wise, or fair on the umpire or conducive to the right atmosphere? I hardly think so.

England's collapse on the last afternoon at Lord's was a sad affair, certainly — but how brilliantly Waqar Younis and Mushtaq Ahmed howled; Waqar with late, inswinging

### The dreaded slow-motion replay which spares no one'

oomerangs off a full length. Mushtaq with unremitting accuracy and fizzing, bouncing wrist spin. I was surprised to see no allusion to Richie Benaud's match-winning, in-deed Ashes-winning, spell at Old Trafford in 1961, when, like Mushtaq now, he switched to bowling round the wicket more in hope than expectation.

Used as a defensive ploy. the leg break bowled into the rough from round the wicket is an out-and-out curse; exploited in the way that it was by Mushtaq and Benaud it is good, resourceful cricket. I can think of no batsman from Sir Donald Bradman downwards who would have gone into bat against Waqar and Mushtaq last Monday week and not had problems; or of any umpire, for that matter, who could possibly have got

that the only answer was to

first two wickets provided a

graphic illustration of the

problems. The prolific Butcher

got a ball from Martin that

nipped off the seam to clip his

off bail. Darren Bicknell got a

shooter from Chapple that up-

ing ideally suited to this kind

of pitch, took the next three

wickets; Ratcliffe leg-before,

Brown bowled second ball off

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# THE LEADING 100 ENTRIES IN THE TIMES INTERACTIVE TEAM CRICKET GAME

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14 Sx Hitters (N Marchant)
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# Bicknell preserves hope for Surrey

SOUTHPORT (first day of sides had obviously decided four; Lancashire won toss): Lancashire, with five first- bat as positively as possible innings wickets in hand, are 83 runs behind Surrey

SURREY may not have appreciated it when they were invited to bat first, but they are better off taking their chances on a relaid pitch at the Southport and Birkdale club in Trafalgar Road than they would have been trying to manufacture a victory on a bland pitch at Old Trafford or

The Oval. They need positive results if they are going to maintain their challenge for their first championship since 1971 and, one way or the other, they are going to get one in this game, as long as the blustery north-west wind continues to drive the clouds away, as it did yesterday.

Play began an hour late because of damp patches on the square, but there was still time for 15 wickets to fall - prompting a routine call to the Test and County Cricket Board — on a patchy green pitch with enough undulations to provide variable pace and bounce to go with the movement off the seam.

Such conditions are completely alien to batsmen brought up at The Oval and Surrey, without Stewart, Thorpe and Lewis, were probably feeling fairly pleased with themselves when they managed to make 211. They were undoubtedly feeling even Martin Bicknell reduced Lancashire, themselves missing Atherton and Crawley, to 128 for five.

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SCOREBOARD

SURREY: First Innings

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M B Bicknell b Austin
R M Peerson not out
J E Bengamin c Elworthy b Martin
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# had Shahid leg-before, Surrey were 107 for six. However, Julian then struck Austin: brisk pace

41 off 43 balls, including a six and seven fours, to galvanise his team. With Martin Bicknell and Pearson adding useful runs at the end, Surrey had something to work with. Martin Bicknell needed no

second bidding. His restoration to full fitness has played a big part in the Surrey revival and now he took four for 33 in 12 overs with the best bowling of the day. Gallian was beautifully taken by Brown at third slip. Titchard and Speak played on and Fairbrother was leg-before so painfully that he had to go to hospital for an X-ray on a toe before more forthright batting from Lloyd. Watkinson and Hegg kept Lancashire in the game.



### The scores in brackets are the points scored in the last week; the other scores are the cumulative points scored since the start of the season. The figures include all matches completed by August 5. Overseas players are

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# Strong man needed to lift Olympic gloom

ritain's bruised and battered sports contingent limped back from Atlanta this week to a muted welcome home and a promise that they should not worry, everything in Britain's sport is going to be all right.

The soothing words came from lain Sproat, the Minister for Sport. He pledged that Britain would have "the highest standards of coaching and facilities" by the time of the next Olympic Games. You might wonder what is the point of a

sports minister if the best we can do in an Olympic year is to look forward to the next Games.

Linford Christie reckons that champions like himself are

now part of our past. "Any government efforts are now too late, " he said. "Sport no longer seems to play such a big part in school life ... I don't think the teachers are keen to play their part. We have lost too many potential competitors.

Sproat promises a more "professional attitude", loads of lottery money, and John Major's dream of a sporting academy. But what many people think we need is a really strong man at the top, doing the job that should have been done all along by a Minister of Sport

Chris Brasher, the inspiration and mentor of the London Marathon, and himself a former Olympic gold medal-winner said: "I dealt with seven or eight ministers for sport in my 14 years of running the London Marathon — they were all pretty useless. I can't even remember more than two or three of them."

It is 34 years since we first had a Minister for Sport, and we still do not have a Minister of Sport with any real clout. In 1962 Lord Hailsham persuaded Harold Macmillan that there was a need not for a ministry of sport, but for a focal point under a

minister - a supremo who could lead the development of sport throughout the land. Hailsham's analysis was right, but the trouble is that []

sports ministers later we still have not really got one. What is needed, very simply, is a strong man with real power and a hefty budget to run British sport. And John Major, with his genuine love for sport, should appoint one.

Strong figures at the top in sport have a proven record. The French appointed their first minister just one year before Hailsham came up with the idea for Britain. De Gaulle had been stung into action by the failure of France to gain any victories in the Olympics of 1960. He gave his minister the power and status of a seat in the French cabinet.

The current French minister of sport is the former Olympic hurdling



silver medal-winner, Guy Drut, an energetic leader who (in contrast to lain Sproat) was seen everywhere in Atlanta, inspiring the French team. The Americans, too, know the

value of tough, powerful figures at the top of sports. Such men are the commissioners, the leaders, of America's most successful sporting bodies
— the National Football League and the National Basketball Association. By contrast, baseball, which has not a proper commissioner at its head for four years, shows all the signs of a sport in trouble. Two years ago an eight-month strike wiped out the season.

Baseball looks back with longing to its five years under Peter Ueberroth. Ambitious, a risk-taker, an entrepreneur he had been the guiding hand behind the success of the 1984 Los Angeles Olympic Games, Put such a figure in charge of British sport, and the inquest that seems to follow every could become a ritual of the past.

The immediate agenda for action would be relatively simple: set up and fund a decent coaching structure throughout the land, and reverse the unneccessary decline of sport in our schools. The coaching set-up in this country is ludicrous. Up and down the land there are dedicated men and women who give of their time and expertise for practically nothing. Every so often one inspired coach will produce a cluster of

successful sportsmen - yet they get usually get no funding, and little support. If we cannot train, recognise and reward our indispensible sporting gurus, perhaps we should steal them from the rest of

the world. It is worth noting that Steve Redgrave and Matthew Pinsent, our only gold medal-winners in Atlanta. are coached by Jürgen Grobler. He came from East Germany where he had been responsible for winning more than 40 world and Olympic gold medals.

Similarly, the American gold medal-winning women's gymnastics team is coached by Bela Karolyi, who before he defected from Romania was the coach who nurtured Nadia Comaneci.

So where do we find this sports supremo? Not, looking at the roll of ministers for sport over the past three decades, among the minions of the Department of National Heritage.

But there are great candidates. Sebastian Coe would seem a good bet, but he has always run away from the idea of a government job too closely tied to sport. Jeffrey Archer has time on his hands, the ear of the Prime Minister, immense energy and a lifelong interest in sport. He was in Atlanta and says he was almost in tears at seeing our athletics team continually ham-

mered by the likes of France and Italy. If an Ueberroth figure is needed, who better knows about than Branson or Chris

Richard

'Brasher

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Brasher, who has given up running the London Marathon to spend more time with his racehorses? He knows about sport, and he knows about

In the first modern Olympics, 100 years ago in Athens, we ended up fifth out of ten in the medals table. The Times leader on the Games of 1896 has a horribly familiar message: Possibly on the next occasion, in 1900, when the Games are held at Paris, we shall make a better show. but it will poorly compensate us for

having missed the first chance." A century on we have missed too many chances.

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"Watson."

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Four men have won all four

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Player and Jack Nicklaus

Watson needs only a US PGA title to join them and turn the

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2.45 The BBC Orchestras, BBC Scottish Symphony Orchestra, under Richard

Orchestra, under Hichard Bernas With Marco Ruza, vtolin, Flona Kirmin, soprano Verch (Overture Luisa Miller), Busoni (Violin Concerto in D), Soetsi (Chukrum); Berlo (Folk

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A Degree of Uncertainty. Radio 4, 7.20pm.

The uncertainty is presenter David Walker's. A Cambridge man, and the uncertainty is presenter David wanter s. A Cantil loge that, and the BBC's former public affairs correspondent, he sees Britain becoming a society made up of graduates, sustaining 115 universities compared with 40 in the early 1980s. While admitting that he has exalted ideas about universities as temples to truth and repositories of exalted ideas about universities as temples to truth and repositories of exalted ideas and the later and better culturally reditionally on exalted ideas about universities as temptes to truth and repositories of values, he does not believe we are any better culturally, politically, or morally. Controversial stuff, this. Using Derby University (13,000 students) as his model, he finds some evidence that reinforces his fears that, in an increasingly commercial world, universities will develop more as businesses than as the academic institutions of old.

Twilight: A Cry to See By. Radio 4, 8.45pm.

This must be the most hushed programme on Radio 4 this week.

Almost whispering to each other, Joanna Pinnock and Bob Stebbings watch a colony of horseshoe bats pour out of a farm building, chattering and squeaking away in the last few minutes of daylight. "The most wonderful sound on earth." says Stebbings, a batman for 35 years. Well, everyone's entitled to their opinion. What are these crepuscular creatures telling each other? Guesswork of course, but Stebbings thinks they could be exchanging views about where the juiciest beetles are to be found. Either that or they are putting on a juiciest beetles are to be found. Either that or they are putting on a show specially for the revolutionary electronic equipment the Twilight engineers are using.

Peter Davalle

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Stroll Through the Meadows,
Piano Concerto No 5)
7.30 BBC Proms 1996. Live from
the Albert Hall, London.

Michael Cottans, basset clarinet, the Russian National

Orchestra, under Mikhail Pletnov. Lyadov (Baba-Yaga; The Enchanted Lake; Kikimora); Mozart (Clarinet

Concerto in A. K622) 7.50

(Symphony No 10) 9.20 The Colours of Music. A

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### RADIO 3

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11.26 Batakirev (Piano
Concerto No 2 in E flat)
12.00 Composar of the Weekc
Stravinsky
1.00pm Stavel John Allison
continues his exploration into
the roots of Russian Opera.

Rmsky-Korsakov's The Snow Maiden and Prokoliev's The

bass viol, Ton Koopman, harpsichord, Hopkinson Smith, theorbo Marais (Suite d'un gout etranger,exc) 10.00 BBC Proms 1996. Claron McFadden and Guillemette Laurens, sopranos, Simon Berridge and Rodrigo del Pozo, haute-contres, Andrew king and Nicholas Robertson, tenors, Nicolas Cavallier and

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10.15 On This Day (LW)
10.30 Woman's Hour
10.50 Test Match Special:
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11.30 From Our Own
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12.00 News; You and Yours (FM),
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Kaleidoscope (FM). Paul Alien sees Iwo versions of Hedda Gabler

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thriller continues With Maureen Beattle, Torn Georgeson, Danny Webb and Ricky Tomknson (2/4) 11.30 Wordly Wise. The last in the senes of the definitive panel

game, with Peter Hobday (r) 12.00 News Incl 12.27am approx 12.30 The Late Book: The Secret History, by Donna Tarit Head by William Hope (9/15) 12.48 Shipping Forecast 1.00 As World Service

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# Watson returns to familiar routine

**GOLF CORRESPONDENT** IN LOUISVILLE

TOM WATSON was back in his customary position on the eve of major championships. The day before the 78th US PGA Championship begins at the Valhalla club here, he was assessing the field as only he, the winner of eight majors, can. One says back because a shoulder injury had forced him to withdraw from the Open last month, ending a run of 87 consecutive major

championships. There are two men whose chances I like," Watson said. Colin Montgomerie has a chance. Without any wind and as straight as he hits the ball, this is a good course for him. It's a fairways and green course, one in which you must greens to stand a chance.

deep and so dense that to hit any sort of controlled shot out of it is, at best, a good guess and, at worst, a bad guess. You can put your hands in it and give it a yank and you cannot break it. It is really tough. You do not want to be in the grassy areas around the greens because the grass is so wiry. It is much better to be in the sand bunkers than the grass bunkers.

"I also like Fuzzy Zoeller," Watson continued. "He is a local. It's hot, good for his back and he'll have a lot of people supporting him here. So there's the tall and the short

Watson looked fit and tanned. He wore the light-

WORD-WATCHING

(c) An odoriferous plant (Pogostemon Patchouli, Labiatae), native to Silhat, Penang, and the Malay Peninsula, the dried leaves of

(b) A name applied by the students at German universities to the townsmen, or to all persons not students, bence, an unenlightened, uncultured person. The German word for a Philistine, Hebrew plishti. Said to have originated at Jena in 1693, in a sermon from the text Philister über dir. Simson! "The Philistines be upon thee, Samson!", preached by Pastor Götze at the funeral of one of the students who had been killed by the

(b) A sword-knot. From the Old French neuf, nou, noud, Latin nodus, nod-um a knot. "Parts and appurtenances belonging to a

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(a) For-hunting slang for an ox-fence, a fence intended to keep cattle confined to their pasture. The same sort of fence and name are still used in show-jumping. "The fence was an oxer, about seven feet high, and impervious to a bird."

which are used for various purposes in the East. It yields an essential oil, from which the scent is derived. The spelling appears to be French, and may have arisen on the Coromandel coast. There is an unpersuasive conjecture that it is a phonetically spelt adaptation of the English patch-leaf. But the dates do not fit.

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almost as hot again yesterday and he felt pleased with himself that he had sneaked a quick practice round last week when there was no one around

and the weather was cooler. This US PGA is certain to be dominated by the intense, damp heat that is so energysapping. "Make no mistake," Watson said, "the heat is going to be a factor — and so is stamina. You must have stamina to play a round here."

United States unless citated all himes BST 12.20 today and 18.23 tomorrow. C Anderson, P Arthur, M Caporale 12.29 and 16.32 B Lohr, L Rinker, S

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14.44 and 18.56: J Daly, H Sutton, H Green

By PATRICIA DAVIES

IT IS difficult to name the star attraction

at the inaugural McDonald's WPGA

Championship, which starts at Glen-

eagles today. Laura Davies, world No I

again after her victory in the du Maurier

Classic in Canada on Sunday, is a

candidate: so is the setting itself. Then

there is a red Ferrari 456GT with cream

upholstery, driven from Surrey by Da-

vies, who was a little coy about the time it

She admitted to 64 hours, saying: "I

got tired towards the end, stopped for a bit, had a diet Coke and then just carried

on." However, Davies, 32, is as near

indefatigable as it is possible to be, for

she recovered from her drive quickly enough to play football for a makeshift

at 100 degrees on Tuesday and Oakmont, Pennsylvania, was as hot as it has been here this week and Montgomerie, who finished tied-second there, has learnt from that experience. Then he wore a black shirt and his red face was flushed. Perspiration poured from

able. with him lighter-coloured clothes and has changed his shirts twice each day, at least. He has half a dozen gloves in

him. He looked uncomfort-This week he has brought

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15.20 and 19.32: J Furyk, P Jacobson, P

In this weather, Watson said, Valhalla was a threeglove sort of course, "You take a glove out, warm up with it and take that off, tie it on your bag for it to dry out and go to your second glove. You play

brimmed hat.

the first four or five holes with that, then put it in the bag.

Then you take out a third TEE-OFF TIMES FOR THE US PGA CHAMPIONSHIP 17.35 and 13.23; G Norman (Aus), D Love, C Power 14.4 and 13.32; I Woosnern (GB), F Nobilo (W2), B Bryant 17.53 and 13.41; C Mortgomerto (GB), F Zoelov, F Couples 18.02 and 13.59; T Walson, E Els (SA), T KSA

than usual because, in the

heat, his hands swell. He puts

on a new one every three holes

or so. And he has worn a wide-

18.11 and 14.08; B McCallister, C Stacker, M Ozaki (Japan) 18.20 and 14.17; E Aubrey, P Mickelson, C

15.38 and 19.41; R Cochran, M Brisky, M Hubert 15.47 and 19.50; D Marin, G Krall J. DeForest 15.56 and 19.59: B Walts, T Tolles, J Edwards 18.29 and 14.26; P Stewart, L Wadkins, L Janzon 18.38 and 14.35; P-U Johansson (Swel, P Govdos, T Natajime (Japan) 18.56 and 14.44; S Simpson, N Lancaster, M A Juménez (Sp) 19.05 and 14.53; J Maggort, L Roberts, M James (CB) 16.05 and 18.08: 8 Israeison, J Nelson B

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things that I keep enjoying my golf."

She can scarcely have enjoyed herself

more than on Sunday, when a final

round of 66, six under par, swept her to

the fourth major championship of her

career. Kathryn Marshall and Pam

Wright, two Scots who have come home

from the US Tour in search of Solheim

Cup points, were generous in their praise

of Davies's performance in wet, windy

This tournament is the brainchild of Herb Lotman, co-founder of the McDon-

conditions.

Mayfar 19.32 and 15.20; D Forsman, T Purtaer, J Leonard 19.41 and 15.38: G Day, J Arlums, JD Blake 19.50 and 15.47: P Blackmar, B Ford, J Witcon 19.59 and 15.56: β Chamblee, L Ctorrents,

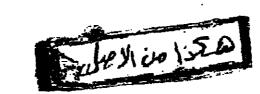
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Davies driven by life in the fast lane ald's LPGA Championship in Delaware England team against a Scotland-Ireland combination. Davies admitted scoring (holder: L Davies), which has raised more than \$25 million for Ronald McDonald 'quite a few" in England's 13-1 win and she also collected a few grass burns. "I'm House Charities during the past 16 years. not frightened of getting injured," she said. "I won't stop doing things I enjoy There are three houses in Britain so far, in Glasgow, Liverpool and London, and they provide a home-away-from-home just because of golf. It's because of those

> undergoing lengthy treatment. Professional golf as charity fund-raiser is essentially an American concept but Lotman is determined to make it work in Britain. "We take a lot out of the community, so we have to put back in." he explained. "That's the McDonald's philosophy and it was my father's too."

for families of children in hospital or

The prize-money is a healthy £150,000 -- it will be doubled next year if all goes to plan - and BBC Scotland is providing extensive television coverage.



# Murder One: the critic confesses his guilt

a contentious break for the A contentious break for the Olympics, we were about to learn the truth. The murderer of Jessica Costello was . . .

But hang on just a minute. If we're playing the truth game. I have something I feel I ought to own up to before we go much further. You may have faithfully watched all 23 chapters of Murder One (BBC2), but I have not. I have seen precisely ... ahem, five.

Sorry, but there it is, I watched the first two episodes and then decided that Daniel Benzali's preposterous performance as lawyercum-God Ted Hoffman was not going to take up a day of my life. Not to mention all those clean-cut young men that surrounded him - some worked for him, some were policemen, some wanted to be a second chair (no doubt, a noble calling) but as far as I was concerned they were all made out of ticky-tacky and they all looked

the same. The sooner they got back in their little boxes the better.

So why the change of heart? Why the sudden, all-consuming interest in chapters 21 through 23? Simple: after 22 weeks of Murder One being the cornerstone of BBC2's Tuesday night schedule. the powers-that-be in their infinite wisdom and in their near-infinite post-Olympic guilt decided that the final episode would be on a Wednesday night . . . last night, in

fact: my night. Thanks a lot.
It is to the considerable credit of Steve Bochco's production team and, in particular, their cleverly constructed "previously on Mur-der One" sequence, that I managed to pick up the threads of the story pretty quickly during Tues-day night's double helping, so quickly, in fact, that I wondered what on earth could have kept you so happily occupied for the intervening 18 weeks. But, no doubt to the delight of all you tut-tutting at

home (calls himself a television critic, he's only watched five epiuppance time.

For the murderer of Jessica Costello was...well not Neil Avedon, obviously, he had been found guilty on Tuesday. With another two-and-a-half episodes to fill it couldn't possibly be him. No. the murderer of Jessica Costello was: somebody who hadn't appeared for a single moment in any of the episodes I'd seen.

S o come the big moment, when Richard Cross's snuff-video stopped, revealed the murderer and you all went "Ooh, I knew it was him all along", or "I told you it was him back in chapter 13", round at my house there was a deafening silence. After a few seconds, a little voice asked: Who's he?" It was mine.

Anyway, all was eventually explained in words of sufficiently few REVIEW



syllables for even me to understand what had been going on. 1 still didn't reckon much to Benzali's performance as Hoffman. Growl. 'growl. growl, he went, never fluffing a sentence, never blowing a big moment. never, in fact, showing the first sign that he was a human being. And I never did get the hang of all the interchangeable young asked Hoffman, as his team celebrated Avedon's acquittal in a not altogether traditional style. Worry not Ted, there were at least two of us - and now you mention it, who's Lisa? But overall (in the one-fifth sense

of the word) I thought I'd had a reasonable return of entertainment on the three-and-a-half hours or so of my life I'd invested in the series. Whether I would feel the same after committing over 17 hours, I leave to those who did. The rest of the evening proved a curious beast. Short Stories: Run-

ning Wild (Channel 4) purported to tell the story of the first ever dog sled race in Britain to be run (slid?) on snow, rather than wheels. The race, to be held in the Cairngorms of Scotland, had been organised by a public relations man. You could tell that from the fact that the name of the race's sponsor cropped up in men. "Am I the only one not to every other shot - on T-shirts,

is a husky's favourite supper. Somewhere today, a marketing manager will be feeling very pleased with him- or herself.

Droduct placement apart, the film had unearthed some interesting characters from the 300 regular "mushers" in Britain, none more so than Ian Grant, a man who dreams of wolves and log cabins but in real life is an Edinburgh taxi-driver. Husky racing, explained this 15stone bear of a man, was a surprisingly emotional business. "I give them all a wee kiss to say thank you for all their effort." On occasion he had even been known to shed a wee tear: "which, I suppose, is a bit silly." Well, only a

But having built up the pre-race tension quite nicely, the film skidded to a somewhat premature halt

weather. As narrator Bill Paterson put it: "It was the day before the race...and the snow had com-pletely gone." No kisses this time.

Lots of kisses on BBC2, along with lots of hugging, communal singing. laughing and generally having a high old time as the Coming of Age season continued with Growing Old Disgracefully. Fol-lowing the six elderly but energetic members of the Hen Co-op on a wild weekend away on the Suffolk coast was an uplifting experience. marred ever so slightly by a feeling of intruding on a group therapy session and by the fact that the American women seemed to take the whole thing rather more seriously than the self-deprecating British. There, I've managed to be ageist, sexist and xenophobic in one sentence and now feel thoroughly ashamed with myself.

6.00em Business Breakfast (94446) 7.00 BBC Breakfast News (Ceelax) (25717) 9.00 Breakfast News Extra (Ceelax) (2134953)

9.20 Delia Smith's Summer Collection (r) (Cestax) (s) (7751224)

5.50 Gourmet treland (s) (5195224) 10.20 Scoundrels of Suburbia (7375576) 10.50 News, Regional News & Weather

(Ceefax) (5431798)

10.55 Cricket — Second Test. Live action from Headingley, from the Second Test between England and Pakistan (s) (5395137) 12.00 News and weather (Ceetax) (1887040)

12.05pm The Alphabet Game (s) (4057243) 12.35 Neighbours (Ceelax) (3) (6895446) 1.00 News & Weather (Ceelax) (95576)

1.30 Regional News and Weather (45162934) 1.35 Cricket - Second Test (s) (73244717) 5.35 Neighbours (r) (Ceefax) (s) (538972) 6.00 News & Weather (427)

6.30 Regional News Magazines (779) 7.00 Holidays Out. From Strathclyde Country championships - Kirsty Young and Ben Hall present more ideas for days out across the country (Cee(ax) (s) (4595) 7.30 EastEnders. Sonia's behaviour baffles Carol and Alan. Joe gives Lorraine and David even more cause for concern

(Ceeiax) (s) (663) Back to the Wild. New series with Patrick Robinson going behind the scenes at the RSPCA's wildli hospital in Somerset (Ceefax) (s) (3243)

8.30 Auntle's Sporting Bloomers. Terry Wodan introduces some bizarre interviews including an unforgettable chat with "Gazza", Paul Gascoigne. Plus the hazardous life of a BBC cameraman eefax) (s) (2750)

9.00 News; Regional News; Weather (3088) 9.30 Atletico Partick. Football sit-com. Bonner drops Jack from the learn for the cup match but at least he avoids Mambo the dirtiest player in Sunday football. Meanwhile, Jack's wife Karen has a tew dirty tricks of her own (Ceefax) (s) (93021)

10.00 Defence of the Realm (Ceelex) (s) (640601) 10.55 FiLM: Crazy People (1990) An advertising executive's suggestion that advertising should be totally truthful lands him in a mental hospital. When his are a great success and the executive and his fellow patients form their own agency, Starring Dudley Moore, Daryl Hannah, Paul Reiser, Mercedes Ruehl, J. T. Walsh and David Paymer. Directed by Tony Bill (Ceetax) (s) (4666408)

12.25 FILM: Invasion of the Saucer Men (1957, b/w) with Steve Terrell, Gloria Castillo, Frank Gorshin, Raymond Hatton, Lyn Osborn and Russ Bender Classic, Bmovie comedy. When a Martian is accidentally run over, his crewmates seel revenge by turning the population of the focal village into alcoholics. Directed by Edward L. Cahn (3633625)

1.30-1.35am Weather (6015199)

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6.00am Open University: Education and Society (3906682) 6.25 Issues in Women's Studies (3925717) 6.50 New Forms of Partnership (2893175)

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4.00 Cartoon (5707156) 4.05 Little Mouse on the Prairie (Ceelax) (3567717) 4.30 Bouncing Back: The Best Bits of Johnny Ball (Ceelax) (576) 5.00 Newsround (Ceelax) (7336773) 5.10 Byker Grove (r) (Ceelax) (s) (4503663) 5.35 Cricket - Second Test (s) (463446)

6.30 The Amazing Colossal Show. Examin ing 1950s B-movies (s) (791) 7.00 Seven Ages of Man. Professor Anthony Clare talks to Sir John Harvey Jones about the change in pace and locus in his

life over the years (Ceefax) (s) (2137) 7.30 Sir - Peace with Honour? The last in the series focusing on letters to the Editor of *The Times* between 1913 and 1919 (b/w) (Ceefax) (s) (205)

8.00 The Street. Kirsty Young and her team of troubleshooters head for an Edinburgh council estate (Ceefax) (s) (1885) 8.30 One Foot in the Past. The heritage show calls for action to preserve the Firth of

Forth Bridge (Ceefax) (s) (6232) 9.00 The Travel Show. Actress Anna Friel travels along Italy's Amalti coast. Travel writer Jonathan Futrell visits London

townhouse hotels (s) (4330) 9.30 Dark Secret: Sexual Aversion (1/6) (Ceefax) (s) (91663)



Wary donor Tony Hancock (10.00pm)

10.00 Hancock: The Blood Donor, Beginning a run of 34 of his comedy performances (b/w) (Ceetax) (84885) 10.30 Newsnight (Ceelax) (602601)

11.15 Cricket - Second Test (s) (294866) 12 00 Grace Under Fire (s) (77644) 12.30am Open University: The Lyonna

Changing Economy (40660) 1.30 History of Technology (34002) 2.00 Summer Nights: Great Outdoors Essentials (28625) 4.00-6.00 España

### CHOICE

Back to the Wild BBC1, 8.00pm (Scotland, 8.30pm)

Rolf Harris has started something. Before long there will hardly be an animal hospital in the land that is not being overrun by television crows. West Hatch, a hospital run by the RSPCA in Somerset, is the focus of this new series hosted by the Casualty actor Patrick Robinson. West Hatch is unusual in dealing only with wild animals. Its patients are not pets but badgers, owls, stoats and ducks, waiting to be patched up before being returned whence they came. Given the British fondness for animals, Back to the Wild is a series that can hardly fail. The sight of a little orphaned deer fawn hesitantly responding to a feeding bottle should be enough to soften the stoniest hearts. But those who have had their gardens dug up by foxes may be less enthusiastic about the time and attention lavished on four cubs.

Secret History: Mutiny in the RAF Channel 4.9.00pm

The strikes which broke out among RAF personnel in India and the Far East during 1946 are not exactly secret, since they were reported in the press at the time. But they are a little known episode and worth recalling while there are enough men still alive to give first-hand accounts. The roots of the discontent were the wretched living conditions endured by ordinary serviceme and the slow pace of repatriation in the RAF compared with the other Services. But there was a political dimension as well. Having enlisted to fight fascism, the men resented being kept on to prop up the British Empire. The mutineers, of whom there were more than 50,000 were denounced as Communists and four of their leaders court-martialled. But public opinion at home was mobilised effectively in their defence.

Dark Secret: Sexual Aversion BBC2. 9.30pm

Before 1967, when homosexuality was legalised in Britain, many gay men were shamed into trying aversion therapy in an attempt to change their orientation. It was a crude, painful and humiliating treatment and there is no evidence, at least in this disquieting film, that it worked. Aversion therapy was developed by the Russian Pavlov, in the 1920s. A homosexual would be shown pictures of naked men and injected with a drug to make him vomit. The idea was that he would associate the two. A variation of induced sickness was electric shock particularly vulnerable. In 1962 a young army captain died as a result of the therapy. though the death certificate said natural causes. All these years later his sister is still trying to discover the truth.

Defence of the Realm: Top Brass BBC1, 10,000m

For such a grey-looking institution, the Ministry of Defence is rich in personalities. Most television producers would be happy just with Field Marshal Sir Peter Inge, the twinkling, gnomic Chief of the Defence Staff. and his extraordinary wardrobe of uniforms. each more Ruritanian than the last. But ever he is upstaged by the bulky and booming Nicholas Soames, the Armed Forces Minister, who is as likely to come up with anecdotes about his grandfather, Sir Winston Churchill, or denounce tabloid press treatment of his friend, the Prince of Wales, as to ponder the deployment of British troops in Bosnia. The experienced Peter Taylor is the off-camera reporter, buttonholing politicians, military chiefs and Whitehall mandarins in corridors where cameras rarely stray. This promises to be an eve-opening series. Peter Waymark

6.00am GMTV (4230040) 9.25 Halfway across the Galaxy and Turn Left (r) (Teletext) (s) (7754311) 9.50 Hope and Gloria (5180392)

10.20 News (Teletext) (5406750) 10.25 Regional News (5405021) 10.30 People Like Us (40846392)

12.20pm Regional News (Teletext) (1883224) 12.30 News (Teletext) and weather (6881243) 12.55 Shortland Street (s) (6866934) 1.25 Coronation Street (r) (Teletext) (6623934) 2.00 Home and Away

(Teletext) (\$1 (87534798) 2.25 FILM: Once Upon a Spy (1980) starring Ted Danson, Mary Louise Weller and Christopher Lee Concluding yesterday's thriller. Directed by Ivan Nagy (3519886)

3.20 News (Teletext) (1980088) 3.25 Regional News (1989359) 3.30 The Riddlers (1512935) 3.40 Wizadora (3189040) 3.50 Molly's Gang (7912971) 4.05 Animaniaes (6713296) 4.20 Blaz-ing Dragons (2295021) 4.45 The

Scoop (1420595) 5.10 A Country Practice (s) (5834359) 5.40 News (Teletext) and weather (291345) 6.00 Home and Away (r) (Teletext) (193446)

6.25 HTV News (Teletext) (785330) 7.00 Emmerdale. Kim gets her revenge; Kathy has an awkward chat to Alice: and Bitt has something to say to Linda (Teletext) (s) (9663)

7.30 The Big Story. Dermot Murraghan and the team expose the scandal of untried and untested artificial hips being used on Ihousands of British patients (359)

8.00 The Bitl. When a drunk is brutally assautted, Greig suspects that some-body has been trying to buy his silence with booze (Teletext) (8311)



Zany comic Freddie Starr (8.30pm)

8.30 The Freddie Start Show. With illusionist Wavne Dobson (Teletext) (s) (7446) 9.00 Heartbeat. A late-night encounter in a graveyard leaves Nick with a headache.

With Nick Berry (r) (Teletext) (s) (5935) 10.00 News (Teletext) and weather (71311) 10.30 Regional News (Teletext) (810243) 10.40 Unbridled Passions. The last of the series on top horse trainer Philip Hobbs follows four of Philip's horses over the three days of the Cheltenham Festival

11.10 Summer Getaways. Last in senes (s) (277514)

11.40 Bodles of Evidence (i) (935601) 12.35 Cue the Music (s) (4565809) 1.35 Not Fade Away (s) (8691915)

2.35 Flux (s) (8992809) 3.35 Late & Loud (r) (s) (8469408) 4.30 The Time . . . the Place (83815) 5.00 Grass Roots (87118) 5.30 Morning News (72199)

As HTV WEST except:

6.25pm-7.00 Wales Tonight (785330) 7.30 A Visit to the Eisteddfod (359) 10.40 The Sherman Plays (617682) 11.10-11.40 The Big Story (277514)

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12.35am Phoenix (4565809) **S4C** Starts: 6.35 Star Street (2867750) 7.00 The Big Breakfast (18427) 9.00 California Dreams (7773446) 9.25 The Secret World of Alex Mack (7743205) 9.55 Hangin with Mr Cooper (6982798) 10.20 Pink Panther (2716683) 10.45 The Adventures of Tintin (687576) 11.15 Biker Mice from Mars (8709682) 11.35 insektors (3624412) 11.50 Rocko's Modern Life (8939595) 12.05pm Mork and Mindy (6017408) 12.30 Love and Marriage (83345) 1.00 Slot Metthrin (11514) 1.30 Terrytoons (42186885) 1.45 Film: I Didn't Do It (33937953) 3.30 Countdown (953) 4.00 Backdate (208) 4.30 Eisteddfod (953) 4.00 packdate (200) 4.30 Estection Genediaethol (68021) 6.00 Newyddion (540330) 6.16 Heno (401866) 7.00 Pobol Y Cwm (281595) 7.25 Bancar (135840) 8.00 Newyddion (6953) 8.30 Eisteddfod Newyddion diaethol (50243) 9.30 Eisteddfod I Dol (26359) 10.00 Pel-droed (377243) 10.35 Film: Privates on Parade (51476717) 12.40em War

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Wales (45163663) 2.05 FILM: Libel (1959 b/w). Dirk Bogarde being accused of murder and impersonating a prisoner-of-war. Robert Morley is his barrister and Offivia de Havilland his wife Even she has her doubts. Directed by Anthony Asquith (Teletext) (764514)

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6.30 Boy Meets World (Teletext) (s) (717) 7.00 Channel 4 News (Teletext) (194359) 7.50 The Slot (980514) 8.00 Black Bag. Following the build-up to the

permanent expulsion of four Birmingham teenagers through their eyes and those of their teachers, parents and governors. A recording on an exclusion hearing is also included (Teletext) (s) (6953)

8.30 Home to Roost. Henry stands for the council as an independent candidate but where close Matthew stand? With John Thaw and Reece Dinsdale (Teletext)



9.00 Secret History: Mutiny in the RAF (Teletext) (s) (8427) 10.00 FILM: How to Get Ahead in Advertising. (1989) A black satire on consumersm starring Richard E Grant as a brilliant advertising executive. He is beset by a creative block which is littled when a stress boil on his neck metamorphoses into his doppelganger. Also starring Rachel Ward, Richard Wilson, John Shrapnel and Jacqueline Tong. Directed by Bruce Robinson (Teletext) (s)

(563359)

11.45 Adult Ricki(Teletext) (s) (466156)

12.35am Kids in the Hall (r) (Teletext) (s) (8220199) 1.05 Beavis and Buttheed (r)

1.35 Let the Blood Run Free (r) (8582129) 2.05 Fil.M: Washington Merry Go Round (1932 b/w). Brash new Congressman (Lee Tracy) exposes corrupt government officials (including Alan Dinehart) helped by old-timers Constance Cummings and iter Connolly. Directed by James Cruze (7523809). Ends at 3.25

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SKY MOVIES GOLD

12.00 The Land That Time Forget (1975) (50,68) 2.00pm Funny Girl (1968) (90713021) 4.25 Deeire (1966) (2197385) 6.00 The Berkleys of Broadway (1949) (50392) 8.00 Afric (1965) (82137) 70.00 Afrange (1966) (34865) 12.00 The Belkeyera (1967) (608915) 1.55em The Berkleys of Broadway (1949) (259644) 3.45-5.20 Love in the Afternoon (1972) (212890)

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12.30pm Motorcycling Magazine (29595) 1,00 Olympic Games (43663) 3.00 Ottroad (99779) 4,00 Trial (15494) 5.00 Truck Racing (7866) 8.00 Live Terms (920685) 10.00 Truck, Racing (38156) 11.00 Saling (65959) 11.30 Molorcycling Magazine (51682) 12.00-12.30am Formula 1 (46712)

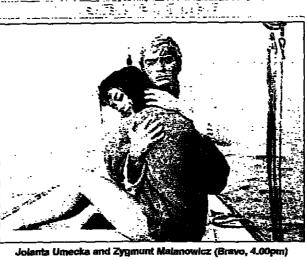
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SKY SOAP 7.00em Guiding Light (7059327) 7.55 As the World Turns (9474175) 8.50 Peyton Place (5471088) 9.20 Days of Our Lives (5604866) 10,10-11.00 Anomei World SKY TRAVEL

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THE HISTORY CHANNEL 4,00pm Memories of 1983 (5448175) 5.00 Charchill's Few (2279682) 6.00-7.00 Bog-THE SCI-FI CHANNEL

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**THURSDAY AUGUST 8 1996** 

Two spins of coin will influence outcome of second Test at Leeds

# Caddick heightens England hopes

CRICKET CORRESPONDENT

SOMETIMES, the toss of a coin can be too important to a cricket match, influencing its outcome more than any individual can do. Today at Headingley, the coin will be tossed twice before the second Cornhill Test against Pakistan and if Michael Atherton wins both, as he will feel entitled to do, England have a clear opportunity of levelling this

three-match series.

Conditions in Leeds yester day were much to England's liking -- until late afternoon it rained steadily and the Test pitch was under three layers of covering. It has perspired in private for two days now and if, as the meteorologists promise, drier weather allows a prompt start this morning, the

Double toss ... Family affair John Woodcock Injury troubles

bowlers will be jostling to get at it. "It will seam," pronounced David Lloyd, the England coach, with evident satisfaction. "No question."

As Lloyd is well aware, however, this will only work fully to England's advantage if Atherion's luck with the toss improves, along with the quality of England's seam bowling. By last evening, England were virtually committed to an all-seam attack, which would mean omitting Ronnie Irani and Ian Salisbury, and Atherton was perhaps perfecting new methods of spinning the

He has lost every toss for choice of innings in the four Tests played so far this summer and before the last game at Lord's, he also lost the toss for choice of balls. The ability

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Atherton needed the protection of an umbrella when he and Wasim Akram made a brief inspection of the pitch at Headingley yesterday. Photograph: Hugh Routledge

of Pakistan's bowlers to reverse-swing the Reader ball when it reaches middle-age, so devastatingly demonstrated by Waqar Younis at Lord's, makes England firm supporters of the alternative Duke balls and makes this subsidiary toss almost as significant

as the real thing.
Lloyd plainly thinks so,

anyway. Pressed upon which toss he would prefer to win. his features contorted in thought before he finally said: "I suppose the toss for innings. But really. I'd like to be greedy and play with our choice of

Lloyd is among those who believe, quite logically, that there should be legislation on use of a single type of ball, worldwide, putting an end to the drama that will pass unseen and largely unknown by the majority who will be present today.

For most of those at the ground yesterday, the state of unknown. England are certainly relying on a good covering of grass rather than the dry, dusty conditions for the last game when, as Atherton mused: "We might have been at Faisalabad rather than

"Four years ago, when we beat Pakistan here in four

days, conditions were very friendly to English-type seam bowling," he recalled. The identity of the bowler England chose to exploit that pitch, Neil Mallender, would now make a taxing quiz question. He took eight wickets in the game but played only one more Test before returning to the back-waters of county cricket. Today, Mallender's successor as the strike bowler at Somerset, Andy Caddick, is England's

trump card. "Câddick is in a rich vein of form," said Atherton. "And it should suit him here." Indeed it should, especially if Atherlogical conclusion by giving Caddick the new ball. As a bowler of great height who hits the seam more often than most, he is the likeliest of England's quartet to inconvenience the Pakistanis with lateral movement.

More likely, on present form, than even Dominic that kind of spell between



Cork, who is causing the management a few anxieties. unchanged in a championship game for Derbyshire last

"He is not bowling quite as well as he was last year and, as our strike bowler, it is worrying that he is playing so much cricket," Atherton said. It isn't helpful when he bowls Tests but maybe it was his own fault - it can be hard to get the ball out of his hands. "I am conscious of the need

not to overbowl Cork and

when we are in Zimbabwe at the end of the year he will play in the Tests but not a lot else. added the captain, a view fully endorsed by his coach.

"I have had a chat with Dominic today," Lloyd said. "He is a very upiront character and he is still confident about his bowling. I'm certain it will happen for him soon."

Lloyd welcomed the findings of the Actield working party which, if accepted by the Board on August 20, will give him authority to rest Cork, and others, from county cricket when necessary. It will also empower him to engage his own coaching team, a unit in which there is to be no immediate place for lan Botham. "He's a busy boy,"

said Lloyd, who is looking to

nominate one coach for the winter tour, and it will not be Botham. A frustrating morning of

cancelled nets, exacerbated by the indoor school being taken over for corporate catering purposes, allowed Lloyd to speak at length to his players, who studied videos aimed at helping them to counter the devilish swinging yorkers of Waqar and Wasim — balls on which the state of the pitch, green or white, wet or dry, has

no bearing. Pakistan have been forced into one change. Aamir Sohail has a wrist in plaster to correct Mujtaba will deputise. But Wasim's policy will remain

unaltered. There will be a result here, definitely." he said. "We are going to play positively." England will not want reminding. but he said the same thing on the eve of the Lord's Test, and he was as true as his word.

# Blackburn dismiss all talk of signing Klinsmann

By Peter Ball

JÜRGEN KLINSMANN is not going to provide the solace for Blackburn Rovers supporters mourning the loss of the departed Alan Shearer. Football's rumour factory was in full swing yesterday, claim-ing that the Germany captain was moving from Munich to East Lancashire, but it was just another rumour.

Klinsmann spent the sum-mer denying that he would leave Bayern and yesterday he was finally moved to issue a statement to that effect through his lawyers, while Blackburn denied any contact. Blackburn also denied reports that they are signing Robbie Elliott, United's England Under-2l international full back, for around E3 million.

Manchester United had also been finked with Klinsmann, although Alex Ferguson, the United manager, also denied any move yesterday. "I am perfectly happy with the strikers already on the payroll at Old Trafford," he said.

United finally received clearance for Jordi Cruyff from the Spanish Football Association yesterday and both he and Karel Poborsky. the Czech Republic player, are expected to make their debuts in the FA Charity Shield on Sunday. They may be joined unexpectedly by Roy Kears after a scan revealed no damage to the knee he injured in the Umbro∵Cup tournament last weekend.

With Tyneside agog with excitement at Shearer's arrival, Kevin Keegan, the porters may have a chance to see Shearer before Sunday. He is expected to play at Lincoln City on Friday, a game that is already a self-out. Neville Southall's transfer to Wolverhampton Wander-ers looked unlikely to go through last night. Southall is

expected to stay at Everton.

After their failure to sign

Attilio Lombardo, Sheffield attention to Georgi Kinkladze, Manchester City's most prized possession. That move, too, seems doomed to failure, at least for the time being. In addition, City have refused to reduce their asking price for Niall Quinn, rejecting a renewed offer of million from Sunderland.

# Edwards fails to find his drive

FROM DAVID POWELL ATHLETICS CORRESPONDENT IN SESTRIERE

THE £90,000 Ferrari proved

as clusive as the Olympic gold

medal for Jonathan Edwards

yesterday. But Allen Johnson

had even more to lose by being here Johnson, the Olympic 110 metres hurdles champion, rejected President Clinton's invitation to the White House to try for the car, but was not even close to driving it away.

22 Shortened (book) (8)

23 Aid to solution (4)

2 Imprecise (5)

4 Supple, agile (6)

6 Lucky dip (4,3)

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16 Boy chorister (6)

19 Tibetan priest (4)

18 (Dog) call threateningly (5)

5 Hotch-potch (11)

DOWN

This Italian skiing resort presents an opportunity annu-1 Dead-end road (3-2-3) ally for athletes to chase world records knowing that, if they succeed, the keys to a Ferrari Spider await. The temptation 7 To repeat exactly (4) is all the greater for Sestriere standing at 2,050 metres, of-9 Arranged in new order (11) fering sprinters and jumpers 12 Gambling game, with the performance benefits of high altitude, not to mention 14 Worldly; non-church (7)

attractive appearance fees. More often than not, though, the venue is cursed with gusting winds and such was the case yesterday, in the first meeting on the profes-sional circuit since the Olympic Games. Johnson, believing that Sestriere might give him the 0.02 seconds improvement he needed to break Colin Jackson's 110 metres hurdles world record, found himself running into a 2.4 metres per

second head wind. He defeated Jackson and Tony Jarrett, Britain's out-ofform hurdlers, and two of his predecessors as Olympic champion but recorded only 13.25sec. Jackson's world record is 12.91sec but here he managed only 13.49sec for third place. Roger Kingdom, twice Olympic champion in the Eighties, was second with 13.43sec: Jarrett was fifth in 13.86sec and Mark McKoy, the 1992 Olympic champion, eighth in 14.42sec.

Admitting that he had come "to break the world record and take the Ferrari, "Johnson ran



Edwards won competition but missed Ferrari

one of his slowest times of the year. Johnson now wore a look of regret that he had rejected the White House gathering to honour medal winners. "I hope I will have another opportunity," he said.

in the post-Olympic celebration of Britain's medal winners, and in the Weltklasse Grand Prix next Wednesday. Not as soon as his next Johnson is enjoying suopportunity to break Jackson's premacy while he can. Injurecord, though. "I am going to ries have prevented Jackson

try for it in London and

Zurich," he said. That means

at Crystal Palace on Sunday,

from being at his best these past two seasons but Johnson predicted that he will be challenging him closely again next summer. "After the injuries Colin has had, it is probably going to take him a year to get back," Johnson

Only once in eight years of trying has Sestriere made the world record books. Sergey Bubka broke a pole vault world record here in 1994. Which does not mean that only one Ferrari has been won. Ivan Pedroso, of Cuba the long jump world champion, was allowed to keep his Spider after the tangled web weaved by an Italian official

The official was suspended for life after an investigation concluded that he had obstructed the wind gauge during Pedroso's jump of 8.96 metres, one centimetre beyond the world record. Almost every other jump of the day was accompanied by wind readings over the legal limit. The triple jump yesterday was similarly affected.

Only five jumps carried legal readings, one being Edwards's winning jump. Edwards, runner-up to Kenny Harrison in the Olympics, trailed Brian Wellman, from Bermuda, until the final round. "After the Olympics I was feeling flat," Edwards said. Only when he was staring deleat in the face did

his motivation return. His 17.67 metres took him past Wellman by 14 centimetres. He was Britain's only winner. Linford Christie, in his first 100 metres since his Olympic disqualification, was second to Bruny Surin, of

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